

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

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**Formally known as the GHIKENDAAM CHIWIKWEGAMAG**



## Many attend the 32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their 32nd Annual Maawanji'iding, July 23-25, 2010, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. "Honoring Our Legacy" was chosen for this year's theme. With 512 registered dancers and 17 registered drums, the 3300 participants and spectators enjoyed a beautiful weekend of song and dance. Elvera Lantz, KBIC Powwow's Committee's Vice-Chair, stated, "This year we had more registered dancers for Friday's grand entry than we've had in many years."

KBIC Tribal President Warren *Chris* Swartz, Jr., gave the welcome following Friday evening's grand entry. The Powwow committee honored four elders this year, Allen Gauthier, Molly Loonsfoot, Doris Roberts, and Ted Shelifoe. Fifteen-year-old Gabrielle Picciano was crowned as Keweenaw Bay's Royalty for the 2010 term. Gabrielle is the daughter of Tina Messer and Kerry Picciano of Baraga.

Midnight Express honored the Community as host drum, along with Kingbirds as co-host drum and two home drums - Four Thunders and Woodland Singers. KBIC member Rodney Loonsfoot served as Head Veteran Dancer, EJ Smith as Head Male Dancer, Karlene Chosa as Head Female Dancer, Raistlin Awonohopay (KBIC) as Head Youth Male Dancer, and Gabrielle Picciano (KBIC) as Head Youth Female Dancer. Ted Holappa (KBIC) and Pete Gahbow served as emcees with Stanley Spruce (KBIC) filling in on Sunday afternoon. Brian Moore served as Arena Director and was assisted by the Assistant Arena Director, Steven Denomie (KBIC/Bay Mills). Donald Stolp (KBIC) served as Head Firekeeper. Cultural teachings were delivered by Karen Drift. Summer Rosebear won the junior fry bread championship, and Stella Gibson won the adult division fry bread championship.

Saturday's events included a youth and adult division two-step competition, a drum competition, a hand-drum competition, and the family of Lester Drift held a Lester Drift Memorial Men's Traditional Dance Competition. Sunday's events included the New Warriors for the Earth presenting KBIC with blue shawls for their efforts of keeping the purity of Lake Superior. The Office of Violence Against Women held a raffle to assist in funding with the October 1st Chelsea LaFernier Memorial Walk in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Six purple shawls were presented to the winners Sunday afternoon.

### Honored Elder Biographies:

**Allen Gauthier** — Al was born on January 5, 1942. He has three children and five grandchildren. Al has worked for the State of Michigan Parks and Recreation for the past 16 years. He is also very active in our tribal community. He serves on the Health Board Committee as well as the Parks and Recreation Committee. Al is an army veteran and is an active member of the KBIC Color Guard. His interests are hiking and



Newsletter photo.

2009 Miss Keweenaw Bay, Jade Chaudier (right) crowns the 2010 Miss Keweenaw Bay Royalty, Gabrielle Picciano (left). Below, Gabrielle is shown with her parents, Tina Messer and Kerry Picciano.



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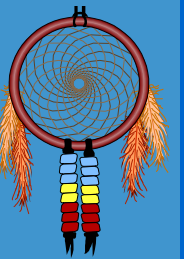


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Honored elders (left to right) Ted Shelifoe, Molly Loonsfoot, Allen Gauthier, Doris Roberts.

### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
William E. Emery, Vice-President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer  
Toni Minton  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Jerry Lee Curtis  
Frederick Dakota  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Isabelle H. Welsh



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- August 7, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- 32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding
- 3rd Annual Protect the Earth
- KBIC Titling Task Force visit with Potawatomi's Vehicle Registrar
- WHIPP Walking Challenge Winners Announced
- KBTNRD — Green Baby Tips, VALues Volunteers
- Drug Conviction Report
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy



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President Warren *Chris* Swartz, Jr. welcomes all to the 32nd Annual Maawanji'iding.



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New Warriors for the Earth present blue shawls to Keweenaw Bay for their efforts to keep the waters pure. (left to right) Chiz Matthews, KBIC Tribal Council member accepts shawl on behalf of the KBIC Tribal Council; Gabrielle Picciano, Miss Keweenaw Bay accepts shawl on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Shauna Pelto and Charlotte Loonsfoot (members of the New Warriors for the Earth and KBIC members) present the shawls.



AUGUST 7, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 7, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with William E. “Gene” Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. The President’s Report was given for July 2010, by President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., (page two), the Secretary’s Report was given for July 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page three), and the CEO’s Report was given for July 2010, by the CEO, Larry Denomie III (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for June 2010.

Joe Tormala, Commander of the Copper Country Chapter of the MOPH, thanked Council for allowing them to hold the 75th Annual Military Order Purple Heart Fall State Convention at the Ojibwa Resort on October 8-9, 2010, and made a verbal request for a financial donation. Council informed Mr. Tormala they would look at his request at a later date when they meet to process donations for the month.

Doreen Blaker and Janice Shalifoe addressed the Council requesting the opportunity to present a draft in the near future of a Constitutional Amendment Protecting Clean Water. Council agreed to look at the document and advise the Constitutional Task Force.

Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, presented Council with the chosen design and invoice for a mural to be painted on the north side of the library/science center by KBIC Tribal member, Corey Fountaine. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve \$1500 for the mural to be painted on the north side of the library/science center, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., nine supported (Emery, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Welsh), two opposed (S. LaFernier, Matthews), 0 abstained, two absent (Edwards, Minton), motioned carried.**

Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, gave a College update stating the required July 30th budget for 2011, per the MOU, was submitted on time. This budget includes a business office position, which will be hired on September 1. KBOCC has entered into a service agreement with Linda Hale for setting up an accounting system and provide training. KBOCC has received a \$27,000 grant for child care. KBOCC will be utilizing the science center classroom for the eve-

ning child care program. The Environmental Science office will be relocated to the annex, and the former office will be used for a classroom. KBOCC has received a \$25,000 Kellogg grant for the new early childhood center building renovation when the service agreement for child care is negotiated. HUD TCUP grant has been received for an expansion to the south east side of the Technology Resource Center of 5300 square feet for a Native American Studies/Workforce Development Center. This will house the Native Studies department, student services career component, and a community job skill center. Negotiations are in preliminary stages for a housing component with KBIC’s Four Seasons Motel and a food component with either the KBIC Daycare or the Eagle’s Nest Restaurant. KBOCC has recently hired Jay Loonsfoot as their Native American Studies Department Chair, Jesse Koenig as an English Instructor, and Chris Anderson as a Math Instructor. Ms. Parrish also requested a letter from the Tribe authorizing Rick C. Geroux, Jerry Magnant, and Donald Funke for screening excess property/equipment. This equipment will be used for setting up automotive and diesel mechanic training. It was the consensus of Council for President Swartz to sign a letter on this matter.

Council adjourned with no further action.



JULY 2010 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President during the month of July 2010.

- I attended a Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribe’s meeting (MAST). We heard from a number of speakers including Brian Peirson from Godfrey & Kahn, Diane Rosen, Regional Director from the US Department of Interior BIA, Matt Wesaw, Area Representative for NCAI, and Governor Granholm.
- Topics discussed were guidance on gaming and fee to trust lands, Midwest health board, seven generations corporation and American Indian Studies program.
- I had a brief discussion with Brian Pierson from Godfrey & Kahn. We discussed the Class I Clean Air status which could be a valuable tool for KBIC, both in connection with the MIN mine and for the long term protection of the reservation and ceded territory. Forest County Pottawatomi Community (FCPC) has already used their class I status to push back against Michigan Iron Nugget’s attempt to use shortcuts for their permits.
- I met with Governor Granholm and had an opportunity to briefly discuss with her an extension of the term of the Compact to 2033 and a reduction in the amount of the payments from net win from 8% to 6%. I followed up with a letter describing the details of our request.
- I approved the sharing of our Corporate and LLC Codes and the templates to start a business, like Articles of Incorporation and bylaws for a corporation and Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement for an LLC. Since we benefitted from codes and forms prepared for us by other Tribes, I thought it was a good idea for us to share the drafts Lance Morgan has prepared for use with Red Lake.
- I did an interview with Dick Storm from our radio station in Hancock.
  - Topics discussed included our mu-

nicipal solid waste transfer station, Casino in Marquette, adoption of business codes, the addition to the Health Clinic, annual fish stocking program, and the KBIC annual powwow. The interview went well.

- I attended the Kid’s Fishing Derby, and it was a huge success.
- We met with the US Attorney’s Office for our annual meeting. We asked for access to the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC). We will need to be able to verify that motor vehicle information is correct when members come in, and that the vehicle isn’t stolen, or that they weren’t sold stolen properly.
- I contacted our representative Bart Stupak and asked him to support the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act. I informed him lives are at stake, and now is the time to get the TLOA passed to help remedy the dire public safety situation on Indian lands. **This legislation aims to advance Tribal sovereignty, empower Tribal law enforcement, re-authorize critical Tribal justice programs, and increase federal accountability.** As we all know President Obama signed the Tribal Law and Order Act. This legislation had broad bipartisan support. A lot of work needs to be done if we want to benefit fully from the passage of this new legislation.
- Yvette Friisvall continues to work on reviewing the recodification of the Tribal Code.
- I attended an Inter-Tribal Council meeting in Hannahville, Michigan. Topics on the agenda included Sharon Teeple’s resignation and the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW). Somehow the MITW verification process is now with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. For as long as I can remember the MITW verification was done by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. We continue to monitor this situation to ensure our Tribal members receive their waivers. We also accepted the resignation of Sharon Teeple and agreed to post the executive director position.

- We received a draft inspection report from the Michigan Gaming Control Board. The Board was here in February of this year and we are reviewing their findings. The report is a result of the on-site compliance visit. We intend to respond to their findings.

This concludes my report for the month of July.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President

32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawaniji’iding continued:

just staying alive.

**Marilyn (Molly) Loonsfoot** — Molly was born April 10, 1946, and grew up in the Beartown area. She attended the Baraga Area Schools. Molly attended Suomi, Northern and Gogebic colleges. Molly has worked in many different capacities for the tribe. She currently is employed at the New Day Treatment Facility. She also worked for the BIA and in numerous positions at the Ojibwa Casino. Molly is involved with our language program and is serving on three committees (Enrollment, Language, and Education) at this time. Molly is also involved with the Ojibwa Seniors Committee, serving as their Secretary. She has been married for 39 years to Charles (Chuck) Loonsfoot, and together they have raised nine children. She is grandma to 33 grandchildren and six or seven great grandchildren. She enjoys them all. Molly is very proud of the fact that she has been sober for 38 years.

**Doris Roberts** — Doris was born on November 15th (she prefers not to give the year). She grew up in the Assinins area and attended the Assinins School until the 7th grade when she attended Baraga Area Schools. Doris worked at the Tribal Center then moved to California for two years. She also ran a restaurant in the Detroit area. She moved back to Baraga and worked for



## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2010

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of July 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. There are everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water every day. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

Litter gets blown, it gets thrown, and it gets dumped. PLEASE DON'T LITTER—PICK UP LITTER AND REPORT LITTERING.

On July 21st our Tribe met with United States Attorney Donald A. Davis and staff at Western District of Michigan to discuss issues and concerns and review the draft Indian Country Law Enforcement Operational Plan.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross Representative/Employee Benefits Agency. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives." For the summer months, the Task Force and volunteers have promoted the "Walk Your Way To Wellness" Walking Challenge May 2—August 7, 2010, with prizes awarded during each of the five segments and two grand prize winners. The 4th segment prize winners were announced on July 22nd with Steven Irwin (Baraga Casino) winning \$500 worth of gift certificates for a shopping spree in Green Bay. The final segment and grand prize will be awarded in August. Also congratulations to Keweenaw Bay for 1st place in the 2010 (also in 2009) Annual Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Challenge! Six tribes participated and Keweenaw Bay walked 743,987 steps per participant. Thank you to the WHIPP Task Force and great job walkers! Be watching for special events/healthful information each month. Also thanks to everyone who participated in the 5th Annual Denise Marth Memorial Family Fun Run on July 10th.

On March 11th and 12th, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed "Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining No. MP 01 2007" in the circuit court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral arguments/briefs were heard on June 2, 2010, regarding the request for a motion to dismiss/and a change of venue by Kennecott. A decision for these requests should be made in the coming month by the judge. The final briefs were filed in Washtenaw Circuit Court regarding the Part 632 Mining Permit Case (including Eagle Rock) and the Part 31 Groundwater Permit Case on July 20th.

Miigwech and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous members and friends who have been taking care of Migi zii wa sin throughout the ages.

Please continue to tell/write your elected officials and everyone that the short term benefits of the proposed mine are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood and wild places

because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Also challenge your November election candidates to address issues of sulfide mining, sulfide and uranium exploration, mineral rights, and landowner rights. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance."

Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States. Remember "Indian Country Counts—Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings. On July 13th, the task force and other departments met with the U.S. District Court—Western District of MI, U.S. probation officer from Marquette regarding drug courts, reentry, and supportive housing issues. The Drug Force Mission statement: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities." Be watching for an educational event coming in September on prescription drugs with the Copper Country Mental Health Department. On July 27th, the hearing regarding random drug testing for Enterprise employees was heard at Tribal Court with Judge Bradley Dakota. Additional briefs will be filed within 30 days.

During July 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on July 3, 2010. This meeting is covered in the August 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held five Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from July.

At the council meeting held July 1, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of March 4, 6, and 11, 2010;
- Approved the CEO's Report for May/June 2010;
- Motion defeated to cancel the July 3rd Regular Tribal Council meeting and have the meeting on August 7th (Chair broke a tie vote);
- Approved to table the Emergency Fund/Donations Policy until the Thursday, July 8th meeting;
- Motion defeated to table the request for the hoop house funding from USDA-NRCS (Chair broke a tie vote);
- Approved the hoop house funding for the smallest model;
- Approved \$2050 for the 3rd Annual "Protect the Earth" Great Lakes Community Gathering and the use of the powwow grounds on July 30-August 1;
- Approved the low bid from Tribal Construction Company for the addition and renovation for the Commodity Foods (\$33,102);
- Approved the low bid from Ojibwa Builders for the New Day fire safety renovation (\$60,095);
- Approved the low bid from Tribal Construction Company for the sewer pipe installation at the Marina (\$14,955.75);

- Motion to introduce the proposed ordinance 2010-10 to amend sections 18B.303 through 18B.305 of Title 18 Chapter B of the Tribal Code of the KBIC to require the renewal of the gaming establishment licenses every three years and waive the first reading;
- Approved \$7,000 for the Stratus Consulting Contract from the Mining budget.

At the council meeting held July 8, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Resolution KB1766-2010 (transfer Anthony R. LaFernier's recreational lease to Kathleen J. Manning);
- Approved Resolution KB1767-2010 Rose Martin's allotted interest acquisition for \$975.33;
- Approved an additional \$17,575 to the Summer Youth budget;
- Approved a donation for \$500 for the Eagle's Women's Fishing Derby;
- Approved \$500 to Ann Degenauer for a transport to the Keystone Treatment Facility on July 9th;
- Approved assistance to Leslie Haataja for medical travel funds to New York (per a travel advance);
- Approved a donation of \$500 to Eleanor Nieskes for her daughter's international trip;
- Approved a donation to the Tribal member parents of children (descendents) for the international trip;
- Approved the Community Needs Assistance Program Policy;
- Approved the KBIC Donation Policy with the changes;
- Defeated a motion for Gunlach Champion's proposal for a potential building at the Baraga Lakeside Inn and to work with the existing marketing advisors;
- Approved the construction contract with KBIC and Ojibwa Builders for the New Day project scope of work;
- Approved the construction contract with KBIC and Tribal Construction Company for the Commodity Food Building (scope of work).

At the council meeting held July 15, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Robert Voakes, Jr.'s request for a laptop computer;
- Approved four donations for June 2010 (American Red Cross, Baraga County Whitetail Deer Herd/8-21 Banquet, Island Resort Casino/Charity Golf Tournament, and Great Lakes Center for Youth Development);
- Approved the appointment of Dale Goodreau and Amelia Sapcut to the Parks & Recreation Committee;
- Approved moving the regular September 4th Tribal Council meeting to September 11th;
- Approved moving the 3rd Reading of the Titling Ordinance to September 11th.

At the council meeting held July 22, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of March 18, 19, 25, and April 1, 2010;
- Denied a request for \$2,500 additional funds for the 3rd Annual "Protect the Earth" Gathering for Joanne Shenandoah;
- Defeated a motion to leave the funeral policy as is (three days leave, whatever three days means);
- Defeated a motion to extend the funeral leave to 40 hours;
- Approved changes to the funeral leave policy: Up to three days leave (a maximum of eight hours per day or a total of 24 hours) and "if the employee request-



ing funeral leave is working an approved Flexible Work Arrangement (policy 7.10), it may be necessary for the employee to adjust their schedule or utilize annual or sick leave for unpaid time”;

- Approved Resolution KB1765-2010 Affordable Care Act to complete a needs assessment and plan to improve the health and well-being of youth, tribal children;
- Approved the renewal business license for Stacey Koski as Koski's World of Wheels;
- Upheld the decision of the CEO in the Government employee termination cases #003-10 and #004-10;
- Approved the authorization for the purchase of the Marquette property for 1.5 million;
- Approved hiring Robert Mudd (Baraga Ojibwa Casino-General Manager) pending the approval of the employment agreement changes.

At the council meeting held July 29, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the bid from Northern Auto for a seven-passenger Dodge caravan for \$22,445 for New Day;
- Approved the bid from Copper Country Ford for a 2010 15-passenger van for \$31,900;
- Approved Resolution KB1769-2010 "Identifying our Needs: A Survey of Elders" for the North Dakota National Resource Centers on native aging;
- Approved the funding (proposal) for the Baraga Casino's 25th Anniversary Celebration (November 6-13, 2010);
- Denied a new business license to Paul Smith and Joseph Rantanen "First Catch" (business is located in Ojibwa Housing);
- Approved a new business license to Joseph Dowd "Zeba Jewelry & Pottery";
- Approved a new business license to Richard A. Geroux/Baraga American Legion Post 444 for food sales;
- Approved two July 2010 donations: Mary Wright/Pine Mountain Music Festival and Congressman Dale Kildee;
- Approved the marketing contract (Casino) with the Michigan Tech Athletic Department (Hockey Program) sponsorship for three years at \$10,800;
- Approved the purchase agreement between KBIC and Clark Lambros for the purchase of the 3 Amigo's property in Marquette for 1.5 million with a deposit of \$100,000;
- Approved the consultant agreement with Fischer Biological Consulting, LLC (Hatchery water supply improvement);
- Approved the President to sign the agreement/contracts with Wirth Entertainment Agency (Gersh Agency) for the three comedian acts and the producer fee of \$3,000 for the Baraga Casino's 25th Anniversary Celebration;
- Approved to post the 2009 Audit Reports.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary



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## CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2010

The month of July is always a time of year when staff enjoy the summer weather and take vacations, as I did during the 4th of July holiday.

We have received draft reports from Gaming Market Advisors regarding options for the Tribe's Casinos. The Casino Projects Task Force will be meeting in early August to review the reports. Once the final reports are in, the task force will present them to Council for review and consideration.

Robert Mudd, the new General Manager for the Ojibwa Casino Resort began working on July 26th. Mr. Mudd's first 90 days will include an evaluation of current options.

The first round of random drug testing took place mid-July after Council reinstated that portion of the Drug Free Work Place policy. The random testing had been suspended since June of 2007.

Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, and President Swartz traveled to the Hannahville Tribe to attend an Inter-Tribal Council of MI board meeting. One of the topics discussed was KBIC's request of a relinquishment of our service area, so that KBIC may reapply for direct funding to operate the programs without the Inter Tribal Council of MI oversight." A directive was passed to have the Board Chairman, Derek Bailey, send a letter to the DHHS' Office of Head Start requesting a clear process for KBIC to follow for the relinquishment of our service area.

Construction of the new Early Childhood Education Center will soon be breaking ground. Council approved the low bid of Ojibwa Builder's as contractor for the project. The bid totals just over \$1.5 million and will generate much needed jobs in the area. The current timeline has completion of the project set for January of 2011.

The Health Center construction and renovation project is progressing, and Project Manager, Bruce LaPointe, indicated that the completion date of September 30th is realistic. Contractors have encountered unforeseen problems but are working through them and will extend their work hours to aid in completing the project on time.

The Annual Governmental Employee

Picnic took place at the L'Anse Golf Course on August 6th. Tribal Government offices closed at 11 a.m. Employees enjoyed great food prepared by the Tribe's Migizi Wadiswan staff, games, and prizes and a sunny day. A big Miigwech goes out to the planning task force for organizing the memorable event.

Planning for the Ojibwa Casino Resort's 25th Anniversary continues. With Council's approval of nearly \$200,000 for the event, it should prove to be very exciting. The nearly week long event will close with a grand prize drawing for \$25,000 in cash.

During August, the Ojibwa Casinos will be making a change to the Double Eagle Player's club. Currently patrons are issued a player's card which should be able to be used at either casino. Many ongoing issues with the module that controls the single card system have been ongoing and don't allow player's points to combine. Since the manufacturer doesn't have a plan for fixing the problem, the module will be removed and players will then have separate player's cards for each casino. Staff is currently planning the switch over and will make the change as seamless as possible for the customers.

The Community Assistance Program office is in the process of performing weatherization audits on community member's homes. The grant funded project, which will take place over the next year, provides funding for the initial home audit followed by weatherization repairs and replacement. If members would like more information or would like to apply for the program, they can contact the Community Assistance Program office.

The Tribe's Annual Powwow took place the weekend of July 23rd. In recognition of the event, Tribal Government offices were closed on the 23rd, and it was deemed a Cultural Day, so our employees could participate in the event.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

## New Employee

Kristin Belair has been hired as the Director for the Office of Child Support. Kristin was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, CA. When she was in third grade, her family moved to Marquette, MI. Kristen attend NMU and graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Psychology, and belongs to Psi-Chi, the collegiate Psychology Honor Society. Kristen completed the Master of Science program for Criminal Justice Management and is currently working on her Thesis to obtain the Master's Degree in full. Prior to accepting her new position with KBIC, Kristen worked as a Victim Advocate dealing primarily with victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. Kristen states, "In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family and taking part in community events."



### ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

**Youth Committee** – four (4) seats

Application due date is September 17, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Please submit an application (located in Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson's office) by the due date to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President  
16429 Beartown Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908

### Catholic Community of Baraga County



**Pastor**  
Father John Longbucco

**Holy Name of Jesus  
Blessed Kateri  
Tekakwitha**



353-6565  
[saintann@up.net](mailto:saintann@up.net)

Confessions: Sunday before Mass  
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.



2010 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Michelle Maki, a Finlandia University sophomore from Baraga, has been selected as the fourth recipient of the Tribe's Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, reviewed the applicants and selected Maki to receive the scholarship.

Michelle is majoring in Nursing. She is a graduate of John Carroll High School and has worked as an Admitting Clerk and Administrative Assistant at a hospital in Florida. She has also enjoyed being a stay at home mom, raising her three daughters. She began attending Finlandia during the 2009-10 academic year and was placed on the Dean's list for both semesters.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe, and she also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe's Health Board as well as their Dental Assistant for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program); and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2011-12 academic year will be available in June 2011. For more information about this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

Tribe-to-Tribe Challenge — Keweenaw Bay wins for the second time!

KBIC... we walked over 50,219 miles and averaged over 9,000 steps per person per day. Keep up the good work and stay active. The final results are below.

Thank You to all Participants of the 2010 Annual Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Challenge!

Tribe	Total Steps	# of participants	Steps/participant
Keweenaw Bay	100,438,284	135	743,987
Huron Potawatomi	30,260,877	41	738,070
Saginaw Chippewa	9,254,544	15	616,969
Grand Traverse	15,295,304	29	527,424
Gun Lake	3,688,665	9	409,852
Bay Mills	39,754,000	104	382,250

One mile = 2,000 steps.

~ Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Educator

TRIBAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO BE MADE TO YOUR PRESCRIPTION CARDS

Changes in your prescription benefit management (PBM) card for those KBIC Tribal members and descendants who are uninsured, are coming on September 1, 2010. The KBIC Department of Health and Human Services and UPHP have switched Pharmacy Benefits Management from 4D Pharmacy, Inc., to Catalyst RX.

New member identification cards will be mailed out during the end of August and our uninsured patients will be receiving them before September 1st.

Our uninsured patients should not notice anything, except for receiving a new PBM card to use when they pick of their prescriptions. We have chosen to go with UPHP and the new PBM because of current and projected costs savings to our CHS pharmacy budget. There will still be a \$4.00 co-pay for generic and preferred prescriptions.



You can visit the Cataluyst Rx website at [www.catalystrx.com](http://www.catalystrx.com) to review the KBIC Benefits, search for lower-coast prescription alternatives, access health and wellness information, and more!

Ojibwa Community Library News

The library has purchased the following:

- Six acrylic, magnifying rigid sheets, good to up 2x power. The size is comparable to a magazine page.
- Two Bausch & Lomb Sight Savers Magna Visor with three interchangeable lenses for different magnification needs.

William Kent Krueger, an author from St. Paul, MN., donated seven books to the library. The books are a series about Cork O'Connor, a former sheriff of a fictitious county in Minnesota; part of the county is an Ojibwa Indian reservation.

Author Steve Hamilton has donated eight of his mystery books to our library. They are based on the character Alex McKnight who is a private detective. Mr. Hamilton's stories take place in Sault Ste. Marie and Paradise.

New books @ Ojibwa Community Library:

- Oprah, by Kitty Kelly
- True Compass, by Edward "Ted" Kennedy
- The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets Nest. by Stieg Larsson
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo. by Stieg Larsson

3rd Annual Protect the Earth: Re-energizing Our Commitments to Protecting Aki and the Great Lakes for Future Generations

On July 30th through August 1st, Native and non-Native people from the local community and across the Great Lakes region joined together for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Protect the Earth gathering at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and the Yellow Dog Plains. The three-day event consisted of presentations, music, a film screening, food, prayer, and an annual walk to Eagle

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS  
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA  
(Effective October 1, 2009)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each additional member	+ \$312	+ \$390

\*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

**Dependant Care Deduction** — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

**Earned Income Deduction** — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

**Child Support Deduction** — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

\* **Cannot be on food stamps.**

**PLEASE BRING BOXES, CRATES, BASKETS, ETC...**

- *The Girl Who Played With Fire.* by Stieg Larsson
- *I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced,* by Nujood Ali
- *Angelina, An Unauthorized Biography,* by Andrew Morton

Audio Books on CD:

Catherine Coulter: *Whiplash and Blind Side*  
Nicholas Sparks: *A Bend in the Road* and *Dear John*

Danielle Steel: *A Good Woman* and *Big Girl*  
David Baldacci: *Evil*

Tami Hoag: *Alibi Man*

Dean Koontz: *Your Heart Belongs to Me*

Robert Ludlum: *Ambler Warning*

Kristin Hannah: *Angel Falls*

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson, Library Director, Ojibwa Community Library

Rock.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to hear from some of the most prominent environmental and indigenous rights leaders from across the region including Winona LaDuke, Al Gedicks, Lee Sprague, Stuart Kirsch, and more. On Friday, July 30, an opening workshop was held on the National Historic Preservation Act by Ho-Chunk Traditional Court Member Preston Thompson and archaeologist Will Gilmore, followed by student poster presentations and a workshop on KBIC's Strategic Energy & Sustainability Initiatives by Char Spruce, KBIC En-



32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawaniji'iding continued:

the Tribal Center as well as the Housing Authority. Doris has been married for 38 years and her 39th anniversary will be August 11, 2010. She has two children, Mike Dowd and Melinda Roberts. Doris has six grandchildren, Davina, Troy, Allyson, Michael, Jonah, and Gregory James. Doris also has one beautiful great granddaughter, Aubrey Marie. Doris is active in the tribal community and is involved with the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

**Ted Shelifoe** — Ted is a man of few words. He was born October 28, 1944. Ted grew up in Beartown and has two children, both boys. He is a veteran and is an active member of the KBIC Color Guard.

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor



Three princess candidates (left to right) Savannah Seymour, Gabrielle Picciano, Sierra Ayres.



KB Powwow Committee Vice Chair Elvera Lantz (left) presents Stella Gibson with Adult Fry Bread Award.



Young shawl dancers enjoying grand entry Friday evening.



(Back row, l-r) Ted Shelifoe, James "Jay" Loonsfoot, Sr., Joe Jacker, Glenn Bressette, Sr., Pete Shelafoe, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Matthew Shalifoe, Sr., and Virgil Loonsfoot.

KBIC Color Guard pictured in front of the Marine Corps League statue on display in vendor alley. Kneeling is Head Veteran Rodney Loonsfoot, (2nd row l-r) Timothy Gauthier, Joseph LaBeau, Isadore "Blue" Misen, Eugene "Cowboy" Loonsfoot.

‘Paint the Town Purple’  
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month...



Chelsey LaFerner  
Memorial Walk

Friday, October 1st  
5:00 p.m.

Corner of McGillan & Lyons  
To Niwiin Akeaa Center  
Feast/Speakers to Follow

- Wear a purple shirt
- Drum, Feast, Speakers
- Honor Ceremony for Domestic Violence Survivors

For more information, call Wanda Seppanen, Cody Blue, or Sylvia Murray at 353-4532

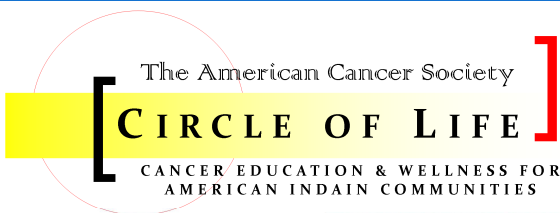
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REPORT THE ILLEGAL SALE OF  
PRESCRIPTION  
DRUGS TO THE  
DRUG TIP LINE!

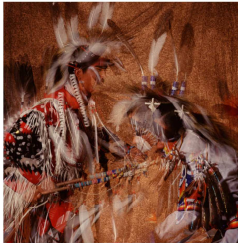


All calls are confidential  
and anonymous!

353-DRUG



The Circle of Life aims to reduce cancer mortality and improve the wellbeing of native populations as they face an unequal burden of cancer. This is a four part presentation about the detection, prevention, and treatment of cancer; as well as the coping skill that are needed for patients and family members.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER  
8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH  
OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS  
12:00 NOON - 1:00 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS & INCENTIVES

Sponsored by the KBIC Community Health Department and the American Cancer Society





21st Annual

# Parade of Nations

Saturday • September 18, 2010

The Parade of Nations is a celebration of diversity in the Keweenaw. The annual celebration, now in its twenty-first year, begins with a colorful parade showcasing the rich cultural heritage of many communities, followed by a multicultural festival at Dee Stadium.

Our theme honors the variety and richness of our cultures, while celebrating all that connects and brings us together in our hearts. We are many nations, many cultures, but we are all one world, one heart!



For more information contact:

Lori Muhlig  
Center for Diversity and Inclusion  
at 906-487-2920, or check out our website:  
[www.ips.mtu.edu/PON/PON.htm](http://www.ips.mtu.edu/PON/PON.htm)

Come join us for a day of fun and celebration.

**Michigan Tech**

Michigan Technological University

Michigan Technological University is an equal opportunity educational institution/equal opportunity employer.

The Parade begins at 11:00 AM in Hancock and ends at Dee Stadium in Houghton.

The Multicultural Festival follows the parade at Dee Stadium.

This year's featured performers are the CASS TECH MARCHING BAND from Detroit.

Don't miss the authentic cuisine from many cultures, artifact displays, craft vendors, and multi-ethnic entertainment.



Free PONY RIDES and Children's Activities!

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Tribal Gas Discounts Honored Inside

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Lotto & Lottery Tickets Now Available.

— EBT Cards accepted here —

Daily Lunch Specials

Daily Soup Specials

Business Deliveries Available (call for details)

Owned & Operated by Ojibwa Housing Authority; all proceeds go to Affordable Housing Activities.

Now available — Pontoon, kayak, and peddle boat rentals.

Students: Back to school lunch specials.



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa

Housing Authority

"Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority.

All proceeds go to affordable housing activities in our community."

### OJIBWA

Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat

#### FEATURING

Ultrasonic Touchless Automatic Car Wash

Your car will sparkle and shine like NEW!

Open 24 Hours a Day

7 Days a Week

Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat  
US 41, Baraga

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### Green Baby Tips

Are you a mom or mom-to-be? Do you know someone who is? Having a baby can certainly have an impact on the environment, but there are many ways to reduce that impact. One of the easiest and most effective things you can do is to not 'buy' in: you really don't need all that baby 'stuff' they say you do. For the essential items you must have, try to buy secondhand and local items and avoid disposable items. Disposable means more resources are consumed and more waste ends up in landfills. Instead choose sturdy, long-lasting products. Stray away from petroleum-based products and products containing environmental toxins such as phthalates, chlorine, and parabens and instead look for products made with less-toxic, environmentally friendly materials such as bamboo, hemp, and organic cotton. Here are some tips for welcoming and raising your baby in a more earth-friendly fashion.

#### Diapering

Give reusable diapers a try. Modern reusable cloth diapers are not the cloth diapers of the past. Most modern reusable diapers are fitted with snap or Velcro closures that function much like a disposable. There are many types – from all-in-ones to pocket diapers, to covers and prefolds. For more information, check out: <http://greenmomhappymom.com/overview-of-cloth-diaper-styles/>. Reusable diapers, once soiled, can be washed and used again, reducing the amount of waste sent to the landfill and can be found in environmentally friendly materials like bamboo, hemp, and organic cotton. In the United States, about 3.4 million tons of diapers are landfilled each year and a typical diaper takes 200-500 years to decompose. And while cloth diapers have more upfront costs, they are cheaper over the long-run than disposable diapers. The average baby will use 6,000 diapers before potty training, costing an average of \$2,500. Washing diapers in cold water, using non-toxic detergent, and line-drying help reduce the impact (and cost) associated with laundering reusable diapers. The next best option to cloth diapers is biodegradable diapers, made with plant-based plastics that are compostable. While these have been found not to break down under landfill conditions, there are other options to compost them such as using a composting toilet, an earthworm system, or a highly active and properly conditioned composting area. Hybrid diapers, like [gDiapers](#), have removable inserts that can safely biodegrade when flushed. As a last resort, if you must purchase disposable diapers, try to buy chlorine-free diapers, like Seventh Generation chlorine-free diapers.

#### Feeding

Breastfeeding is best - it's free, has health benefits for mother and baby, has no environmental impact, and is a precious bonding experience. Breastfeeding requires no plastic bottles, rubber nipples, or the water and energy to heat up, cool down, or mix formula. For breast pads, try re-usable organic cotton or wool felt pads. While there are many great, organic nipple creams available, some locally produced olive oil or organic lanolin does a great job. If bottle feeding becomes a necessity, pumping your own is the first choice. Make sure to use glass or BPA-free bottles. If pumping is not an option, using a fair-trade organic infant formula is preferable. If this is neither affordable nor accessible, then the next best thing is to en-

sure the brand of formula you buy is from a company not profiteering from marketing their product to developing countries. At about six months, babies start to eat real food. The best option is to make your own homemade baby food. Cook up veggies, casseroles, and fruit and freeze it in tiny containers or ice cube trays ready to take out and defrost when needed. You can even reuse baby food jars from a friend or relative. Or mash up or puree whatever is on the dinner menu that night (be sure you discuss any concerns over dietary requirements with your health professional). For those occasional situations when you must buy baby food, purchase organic or fresh frozen baby foods.

#### Clothing

Not only does a baby grow out of clothes extremely fast, they are constantly sending bodily fluids flying onto those precious outfits. Second-hand clothing is the cheapest and most sustainable option. Get hand-me-downs from friends and family or look in thrift shops, Craigslist (check out <http://up.craigslist.org/>), or Freecycle (check out <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Baragacountyfreecycle/>). Organic hemp or cotton, bamboo or wool fabrics made without toxic chemicals are best against sensitive skin and last longer with the constant washing.

#### Washing

Studies have shown that children brought up in over-cleaned houses are more likely to develop allergies, asthma, or eczema. The best thing you can do for sensitive baby skin is not to cover it with synthetic chemicals. Wash with pure soap and warm water. Check out [www.cleanbabyup.com](http://www.cleanbabyup.com) for locally-made natural baby care products. For household cleaning, make your own non-toxic cleansers with simple ingredients such as baking soda and vinegar.

#### Play Time

Get back to basics and try long-lasting, old-fashioned wooden toys and organic cotton or homemade teddies. Because babies put most things in their mouths, go as natural as possible, and when baby is a little older, get hold of second-hand toys. Also aim for toys that helps build a child's bond with nature.

#### Furniture and accessories

Babies don't need much—a secure place to sleep, a car seat, a high chair, and a way to be carried around. Opt for second-hand furniture, everything except mattresses (some research suggests a link between second-hand crib mattresses and sudden infant death syndrome) and car seats, which can have invisible accident damage. If you buy new furniture, purchase high quality, durable pieces made of sustainable, low-toxicity materials. Think about some alternatives to the regular old wooden baby bed; try using an organic cotton baby hammock or a crib that extends into a bed and lasts 6-7 years. When decorating the nursery, use natural and low-VOC paints as well as carpeting.

#### For more information, check out the following resources:

- "The Eco-Nomical Baby Guide: Down-to-Earth Ways for Parents to Save Money and the Planet" Stuart, Tebori, & Change. February 2010.
- The Green Baby Guide: <http://greenbabyguide.com/>
- Planet Green: <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/go-green/>

~ Submitted by Char Spruce, KBTNRD Environmental Specialist

### KBIC Natural Resources Department VALues Volunteers

KBIC Natural Resource Department has, over the years, community members and organizations volunteer for such things as hatchery operations, fin clipping and fish stocking, wildlife inventory, kid's derby and environmental fair assistance. One volunteer, Valoree Gagnon, stands out as exceptional and the NRD wishes to thank her for her generous service.

Val has volunteered over 350 hours since April with the NRD. She has assisted with the environmental fair and the Kids Fishing Derby, fin clipped, helped with fish stocking and mammal surveys, frog surveys, and even rolled up her sleeves to help dig out the septic system for routine maintenance. She most diligently assists with the new greenhouse including landscaping, planting and maintaining plants within the greenhouse.

Who is this woman you may ask? Adopted from South Korea and raised in Fort Worth Texas, Val has lived in the area for the past five years. She is married with three children. She and her husband Alan were full time foster parents for eight years before moving here from Texas to be near Alan's parents who are local residents.

Val has a teaching degree from Michigan Tech University and is currently a graduate student attending MTU in the Social Science Department. She is studying the cultural significance of fish contaminants for native people here on the L'Anse Reservation. She will be interviewing community members about their experiences with fishing; she will look at the historical perspective as well as the current perspective and how fish contaminants are perceived by the community. She hopes that her thesis will provide regulatory agencies with important insight as to how they should increase efforts to

clean up the environment rather than simply post consumption warnings for the public. All information gathered will be reported anonymous without any personal information revealed.

Val is not only very discreet and professional, but she has shown a genuine "habit of the heart" in wanting to serve people in the communities wherever she lives. She is the perfect example of American volunteerism. In fact, the Corporation for National and Community Service recently released volunteer statistics for 2009, and across the country, 63.4 million Americans volunteered to help their communities. This number represents an additional 1.6 million volunteers when compared to 2008. U.S. volunteers contributed 8.1 billion hours of service, which has an estimated dollar value of nearly \$169 billion (<http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/index.cfm>). Val has certainly done her share here with the KBNRD!



Val is a hard working and generous volunteer from whom we can all learn a lesson in graciousness. Be sure to say a warm hello as you see her interacting in the community, you'll be glad to know her. We surely appreciate her dedication and feel extremely fortunate to have her dependable and ever cheerful assistance at the Natural Resource Department. Miigwech Val!

~ Photo and article submitted by Pamela Nankervis, Wildlife Biologist



KBOCC STUDENTS DISPLAY POSTER  
AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM  
OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

On August 6, 2010, KBOCC environmental science students, Karen Andersen and Shelly Danielson, and faculty member, Erin Johnston traveled to Washington, D.C. to the National Museum of the American Indian. Their research poster titled "Plant Communities Along the Historic L'Anse-Lac Vieux Desert Trail in Michigan's Upper Peninsula" was selected to be displayed in the museum's *Living Earth Symposium* under the program "Tribal College and University Climate Research: A Seven Generation Vision for the Living Earth." The research poster was one component required for the completion of a ten week internship funded by NASA and AIHEC.



The picture (l-r) shows Erin Johnston Environmental Science Department Chair, Karen Andersen, and Shelly Danielson.

KBIC TITLING TASK FORCE  
MEMBERS MEET WITH PRAIRIE BAND  
POTAWATOMI'S VEHICLE REGISTRAR

Jeanne Kauppila, Licensing Clerk, Elizabeth Mayo, Council Member, and Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment/Licensing Director, traveled to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Mayetta, Kansas. The Task Force members met with the Potawatomi's Motor Vehicle Registrar to review the Prairie Band's motor vehicle titling process. The Task Force members also met with the Prairie Band's Attorney and Council Treasurer to discuss the PBPB ordinance.

Jennifer stated, "The trip was extremely informative. We were able to see the process first hand. We definitely have our work cut out for us. We have to make sure that the Ordinance that is approved fits the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and doesn't impose unnecessary restriction on our members, but protects their interests. They also took us on a tour of their beautiful reservation. We met a lot of helpful and friendly people. It is always nice to get a different perspective."

Jeanne, Elizabeth, and Jennifer are part of the Titling Taskforce that is working on establishing vehicle titling for our Tribe. Other members of the Taskforce include Christoph Geiger, Deputy Attorney; Fred Dakota, Council Member; Stacey Koski, Business Owner; and Miranda Voakes, Police Officer. An ordinance was introduced on April 29, 2010. The final reading will be held at the Tribal Council meeting on September 11, 2010.

~ Submitted by Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment Director



Left to right: Micki Martinez, PBPB Motor Vehicle Registrar; Vivien Olson, PBPB Attorney; Elizabeth Popcorn Mayo, KBIC Council member; Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment/Licensing Director; Jim Potts, Veteran Affairs Coordinator; Jeanne Kauppila, Licensing Clerk.



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

Fall 2010 Schedule of Courses

"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"

Fall  
Semester 2010

Semester begins  
September 7th

Semester ends  
December 17th

Orientation and  
Advising

Thursday,  
September 2nd  
9:00am-7:00pm

Locations/  
Contacts:

Main Campus  
111 Beartown  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-4600

Library/Science  
Center  
409 Superior  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-8162

KBOCC Annex  
325 Superior  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-8151

Admissions  
Information  
353-4604

Registration  
Information  
353-4605

Student  
Advising  
353-4602  
or  
353-4628

OCC Library  
353-8163

Website  
[www.kbocc.org](http://www.kbocc.org)

Advising

Early Childhood  
Education  
Mary DeLine  
353-4608

Environmental  
Science  
Erin Johnston  
353-8162

Liberal Studies  
Lynn Aho  
353-4602

Undeclared  
Cherie Dakota  
353-4628



Course Number and Name	Instructor	Day	Time	Place
<b>Fine Arts</b>				
AR107 Ojibwa Garments (3 credits) <i>Course fee \$120 Limit 10</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	J. Racette	Wed	5:30pm-8:20pm	Rm 111
AR204 Native American Art Forms (4 credits) <i>Native American Awareness elective</i> <i>Humanities Elective</i> <i>Course fee TBA</i>	D. Mues	Tues, Thurs	6:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 115
<b>Early Childhood Education</b>				
CE237 Children with Special Needs (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 2 Lib/Sci Center
CE110 Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum and Practice (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Mon	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 113
CE115 Preschool Classroom Management & Child Guidance (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE110 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Tues	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 2 Lib/Sci Center
CE119 CDA Preparation Seminar (2 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	arranged	arranged	arranged
CE278 Health, Safety and Nutrition (3 credits)	M. DeLine	Mon, Wed	2:00pm-3:20pm	Rm 113
<b>English and Composition</b>				
EN095 Basic Composition (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Placement</i> <i>Does NOT satisfy composition requirement</i>	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 113
EN102 College Composition I (3 credits) <i>Composition requirement</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 113
EN205 Research and Report Comp (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN102</i> <i>Composition elective</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:20pm	Rm 113
<b>Humanities</b>				
EN210 World Literature (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN102</i> <i>Humanities elective</i>	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-6:50pm	Rm 115
<b>Information Systems</b>				
IS105 Computer Concepts (2 credits)	M. Shanahan	Tues	2:00pm-3:50pm	Rm 112
<b>Liberal Studies</b>				
LS102 Study Skills (1 credit)	C. Dakota	Tues	11:00am-11:50am	Rm 113
<b>Mathematics</b>				
MA097 Introductory Algebra (4 credits) <i>Does not fulfill mathematics requirement</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 111
MA105 College Algebra (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: MA104, placement, or instructor's permission</i> <i>Math elective</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-3:20pm	Rm 111
<b>Native American Awareness</b>				
OS110 Ojibwa Language and Culture I (4 credits) <i>Institutional Requirement</i>	J. Racette	Fri	9:00am-12:50pm	Rm 113
<b>Science</b>				
ES110 Introduction to Environmental Science (4 credits) <i>Lab fee: \$75 Lab Science elective</i>	E. Johnston	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-3:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
ES202 Writing for Science (2 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN 102 and sophomore standing</i>	E. Johnston	Tues	6:00pm-7:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
ES242 Wetlands (4 credits) <i>Lab fee: \$75</i> <i>Lab Science elective Limit 6</i> <i>Prerequisite: MA096 or higher</i>	E. Johnston	Tues, Thurs	2:00pm-4:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
GS215 Environmental Geology (4 credits) <i>Lab Science elective Limit 6</i> <i>Prerequisite: EN 102</i>	TBA	Tues, Thurs	10:00am-12:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
<b>Social Science</b>				
OS232 Tribal Government (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	J. Loonsfoot	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 111
OS200 History of Michigan Tribes (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	J. Loonsfoot	Mon, Wed	6:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 2 Lib/Sci Center
PY101 Psychology (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i>	F. Taddeucci	Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 113

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3rd Annual Protect the Earth continued:

vironmental Specialist.

On Saturday, July 31, there was a focused session on mining in the U.P. with expert perspectives on active mineral exploration taking place throughout the region, treaty rights, cultural concerns, local grassroots efforts, international movements, and lessons from Wisconsin's Native-environmental alliance to stop the Crandon Mine.

Winona LaDuke was the keynote speaker Friday night and Saturday. LaDuke is Anishinaabeg from the White Earth reservation in Minnesota. She is a mother, author, former Green Party vice presidential candidate, Harvard graduate, and activist. Winona is a founding director of both the White Earth Land Recovery Program and Honor the Earth.

LaDuke spoke about the importance of creating greater resiliency and self-determination within our communities. In an era of unsustainable economic growth, food and energy sovereignty are important steps we can take to achieve environmental and economic self-determination and also decrease our dependency on multinational corporations. New Warriors for the Earth

honored LaDuke with a blue water shawl for all of her support and inspiring words.



E Halverson, opened the Saturday evening Protect the Earth Concert. Photo by Calvin Hartwig.

On Saturday evening, a Protect the Earth Concert opened with local KBIC up-and-coming musician "E". The featured musical guest was Grammy Award winning artist Joanne Shenandoah, an Iroquois singer, composer, actress, and acoustic guitarist. The concert also included Wisconsin folksinger Skip Jones, and Ojibwe folksinger Bobbie Bullet.

Protect the Earth gatherings started in 1986, when the U.S Department of Energy was considering northern Wisconsin as the site for a nuclear waste dump. Jim Schlen-





**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

#### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.



#### WHIPP WALKING CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Steve Irwin from the Baraga Casino who was our segment four winner. Steve received \$500 worth of gift certificates for a shopping spree in Green Bay.

Congratulations to Vicky Mleko, Tribal Center Receptionist; Amanda Savoula, Baraga Casino Guest Services; and Sandy Tahtinen, Marquette Casino Cage; who were selected as the WHIPP Walking Challenge segment five winners. They each received \$200 in Nike apparel.

Congratulations to Kristyn Gabe, Baraga Casino Accounting; and Angie Olson, Baraga Housing; who were selected as the Grand Prize Winners. They each received a health related prize valued at up to \$750.

Congratulations to all WHIPP Walking Challenge Participants! We had 176 total participants with 81 completing every single segment. The final total steps we recorded was 119,131,354. Keep up the good work, and let's continue walking and maintain the positive changes we have made in our lives.



**All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!**

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN BARAGA COUNTY

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

**Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College**

**Open to the Public**

**A panel of local professionals will discuss the issue and field audience questions**

**Sponsored by:  
Copper County Mental Health Institute and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community—Access to Recovery**

## Extended to September 30th!

#### Attention all Community Members!

Effective Monday, June 14, 2010, the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center will change business hours to:

**Monday through Thursday,  
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

This change is temporary through the construction phase of the medical center building. Regular business hours will resume on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

Call **353-8700** for medical appts.

Call **353-8787** for dental appts.

Call **353-4532** for behavior health appts.

Call **353-4510** for community health appts.

#### September 2010 Calendars Events

**Sept. 6** — Gov't offices closed, Labor Day

**Sept. 11** — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 10 am

**Sept. 15** — Veterans meeting, 7 pm; Prescription Drug Abuse in Baraga County Presentation @ 6:30 pm

**Sept. 24** — Gov't offices closed, Michigan Indian Day

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov) to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

### Deepest Sympathy

#### BEVERLY JOAN ELLSWORTH

August 23, 1938 — July 31, 2010

Beverly Joan Ellsworth, 71, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2010, at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital. She was born August 23, 1938, in L'Anse, MI, the daughter of William and Catherine (Schofield) Emery. Beverly attended school in L'Anse. She married Leonard Ellsworth in April 1964, in Baraga. They lived in Marquette for about four years, then Bergland, MI, and later Wakefield, MI; moving back to Baraga in 1996.

Beverly was a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, KBIC, and Ojibwa Seniors. She enjoyed visiting with friends and had a great sense of humor that made everyone laugh. She took care of everyone and always provided comfort. Beverly also enjoyed playing Bingo, gambling, going to the casino, watching sports, girls softball, and little league, and she was an avid Packer fan.

Surviving are her husband Leonard of Baraga; three sons, Anthony Emery of Land O' Lakes, Ronald Ellsworth of Ironwood, Robert Ellsworth of Baraga; five daughters, Kim Ribich of Baraga, Leonara (Bill Warner) Ellsworth of L'Anse, Georgette (Joe Yatchak) of Wakefield, Evelyn (Josh) Halquist of L'Anse, Mercedes Bea Ellsworth of Ramsay; two step sons, Billy Jack Ells-

worth of Madison, Leonard Ellsworth, Jr. of Bruce Crossing; one step daughter Juanita Small of Marquette; a special son-in-law David Ribich of Wakefield; brother William E. "Gene" (Gretchen) Emery of L'Anse; sister Gwenneth Loonsfoot of L'Anse; 27 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents; stepfather Archie Sipe; step son Joseph Ellsworth; brothers: Gerald, Ronald, and James Emery; sisters: Mary Connors, Patricia Kemppainen, Jacqueline Cote, and Virginia Shelifeo.

A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, August 6th at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins, MI. Fr. Brian Gerber officiated. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

#### JOHN E. LAFERNIER

April 8, 1948 — August 8, 2010

John E. LaFernier, 62, of Zeba, passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 8, 2010, at his residence. He was born in Zeba, MI, on April 8, 1948, the son of the late Wilbur and Lois Barbara (Stoddard) LaFernier. John was a graduate of L'Anse High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. John was employed as a welder at the Pettibone Corporation, Baraga. He was a member of St.





# DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal

Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

**Derek Rabitaille, case # 10-035, controlled substance (manufacture - marijuana) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentenced on 05/10/2010 to:**

- 1. \$500 fine.
- 2. 30 days jail, 30 days suspended, Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, if any.
- 3. Six - twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with random drug and alcohol testing, and with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of PBT and drug testing.
- 4. Defendant must continue or complete education or job search. Defendant must turn in school records or job search forms monthly.

**Dominic Durant, Jr., case # 10-069, controlled substance (use - marijuana) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Sentenced on 06/01/2010 to:**

- 1. \$150 fine.
- 2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
- 3. 30 days jail, 30 days suspended. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
- 4. 6-12 months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be required to submit to random drug and alcohol testing, and will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
- 5. Defendant is not to seek prescription drugs without the permission of the Court.
- 6. Defendant is to report to the probation office when he is released from jail. Defendant is to report to perform community service daily except when fishing. Defendant must pay on fines each week he does not perform at least one day community service. Defendant must report three times weekly to the probation office until his substance abuse screening is completed and his treatment begins, then this reporting requirement will be at the discretion of the probation office.

**Dominic Durant, Jr., case # 10-071, controlled substance (use - marijuana) – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense**

**Sentenced on 06/01/2010 to:**

- 1. \$200 fine.

- 2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
- 3. 30 days jail, 20 days suspended, credit for 3 days served, 7 days to be served. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any. Should the Defendant obtain an inpatient treatment admission date, he can be released from his jail commitment early, and the remainder of the days will be suspended.
- 4. 6-12 months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be required to submit to random drug and alcohol testing and will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
- 5. Defendant is not to seek prescription drugs without the permission of the Court.
- 6. Defendant is to report to the probation office when he is released from jail. Defendant is to report to perform community service daily except when fishing. Defendant must pay on fines each week he does not perform at least one day community service. Defendant must report three times weekly to the probation office until his substance abuse screening is completed, and his treatment begins, then this reporting requirement will be at the discretion of the probation office.

**Stacey DeCota, case # 10-065, controlled substance (use - morphine) – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense**

**Sentenced on 06/24/2010 to:**

- 1. \$750 fine.
- 2. 12 - 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee.
- 3. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended and serve 60 days in jail or on a tether. The Defendant will be responsible for the costs of any lodging and/or tether.
- 4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
- 5. The Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be responsible for the costs of those tests.

**Stacey DeCota, case # 10-067, controlled substance (use – morphine and marijuana) – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense**

**Sentenced on 06/24/2010 to:**

- 1. \$1000 fine.
- 2. 12 - 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee.
- 3. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, credit for 3 days served and serve 57 days in jail or on a tether. The Defendant will be responsible for the costs of any lodging and/or tether.
- 4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
- 5. The Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be responsible for the costs of those tests.

**Deepest Sympathy continued:**

Ann's Catholic Church, Baraga, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and the L'Anse VFW Post #3897. John enjoyed woodworking, fishing, riding in the woods, storytelling, and liked to work on machines. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. LaFerner is survived by his children: Joseph (Ann) LaFerner of Denton, TX., Thomas (Tara) LaFerner of Denton, TX., John (Shanda) LaFerner of Zeba, and Hope (John Hebert) Laramore of Baraga; six grandchildren; brothers: Earl LaFerner of Kentucky, Mike (Susan) LaFerner of L'Anse, Pat LaFerner of Zeba, and Harry LaFerner of Baraga; sisters: Sybil LaFerner of Zeba, Marsha (Dennis) Wentland of Minnesota, Margaret (John) Vanover of Kentucky, Georgia (Bob) Douglas of Kentucky, Becky (Ralph) Decker of Kentucky, Angie (Gerald) Friisvall of South Carolina, Rosie (Chris) Landreaux of New Orleans, and Cosie LaFerner of Zeba. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his sister, Arlene Wessman.

Funeral services for Mr. LaFerner were held on Monday, August 16, 2010, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse with Father John Longbucco officiating. Baraga County area veterans, under the direction of the Baraga American Legion Post 444 conducted military honors at the funeral chapel. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

**3rd Annual Protect the Earth continued:**

der, of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission organized a rally in opposition of the proposal, and the first rally was held at the Mole Lake Reservation in Wisconsin. The rally brought awareness to the DOE's proposal, but also helped bring together people from all walks of life to work toward a common goal. From that day forward Protect the Earth became an important tradition in Wisconsin and played a very important role in the battle to protect the land and water from metallic sulfide mining.

In 2008, the Protect the Earth was handed over to citizen leaders in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Oshkinawe Ogichidaag Akiing, New Warriors for the Earth (NWE), carried on the tradition this year in 2010. NWE is a new Anishinaabe-based environmental organization dedicated to educating and empowering our communities to take action to protect Aki, Mother Earth. Its mission is to raise awareness about mining and environmental injustices facing the Great Lakes region and Mother Earth.

A main focus of concern throughout the weekend was the controversial Eagle Mine, and increasing public awareness of sulfide and uranium mining interest in the region. There was special concern for the protection of *Migi zii wa sin*, Eagle Rock, as a National Historic Site and Sacred Place to the Anishinaabe people.

Doreen Blaker, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal member, advocated the

need to carry on the late Walt Bressette's vision of a constitutional amendment to recognize our human right and future generation's right, to clean air and water. Walt Bressette was a co-founder of the first Protect the Earth's held in Wisconsin.

Stuart Kirsch, an anthropologist at the University of Michigan, spoke near the Yellow Dog River about the detrimental affects of mining along the Ok Tedi and Fly Rivers for the Yonggom people of Papua New Guinea. Kirsch emphasized that it is not too late to stop sulfide mining from contaminating our rivers and watersheds here in the U.P.

Protect the Earth and the annual walk to Eagle Rock re-energized our spirits and commitment to protecting the Yellow Dog Plains. As a people, it is our responsibility to not allow Rio Tinto the social license to mine near our freshwater and Great Lakes.

New Warriors for the Earth would like to give a special thanks to all of the Protect the Earth sponsors including: the Western Mining Action Network, Indigenous Environmental Network, KBIC Tribal Council, KBIC Cultural Committee, Ojibwa Casino & Resort, Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies, Save the Wild UP, Keepers of the Water, Yellow Dog Summer, the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, and additional personal donors. For more information about Protect the Earth and the New Warriors for the Earth, please contact new.earth.warriors@gmail.com.

~ submitted by Jessica Koski, KBIC member






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**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities**  
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- \* Warehouse & Certification Worker — September 1
- \* Part-time Senior Van Driver — September 3
- \* Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- \* Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

**On Call positions:**

- \* Community Service Supervisor
- \* Unit Manager
- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Account Executive/Sales



- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Youth Program & Facility Attendant

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com).

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TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE PURPLE SHAWL PROJECT FUNDED BY THE KBIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT- WOMEN'S SURVIVOR ADVISORY GROUP. WE APPRECIATE YOU PUTTING YOUR TIME AND EFFORT INTO MAKING THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE.

**VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE SHAWL MAKING:**

SARAH BEAVER  
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## KBIC Tribal Council Serve as Grand Marshall — Parade of Nations



Newsletter picture

Left to right, Secretary Susan J. LaFernier and Ass't Secretary Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews represent the KBIC Tribal Council as Grand Marshall for the Parade of Nations.

The Annual Parade of the Nations was held Saturday, September 18, 2010, in Houghton County, with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council serving as Grand Marshall for the event. Two Tribal Council members, Secretary Susan J. LaFernier, and Assistant Secretary Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, represented the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council. Miss Keweenaw Bay, Gabrielle Picciano, along with KBIC Tribal Youth, Raymond Gauthier-Tolonen, participated with Michigan Tech's AISES to represent Native American Nations in Michigan Tech's annual event. Flags from over 70 countries were on display throughout the parade route which began in Hancock, marched over the bridge to Houghton, and ended at the final destination of Dee Stadium.

Following the parade, entertainment and fine food cuisine from many cultures were



Newsletter picture

shared with participants and visitors at Dee Stadium.

Parade of Nations Co-Director, Lori Muhlig (a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member), who is employed as the Assistant Director for the Center for Diversity and Inclusion and is the Native American & Women's Outreach Coordinator for Michi-

gan Technological University, organized the annual event. The Parade of Nations is a celebration of diversity in the community and on the Michigan Tech Campus. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was asked to be this year's Parade Marshall because of their support throughout the years of this event.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

## Ground Breaking Of The Early Childhood Education Center

A Ground Breaking and Blessing of the Grounds Ceremony was held at the sight of the new Early Childhood Education Center, located behind the Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, on Monday, September 20, 2010. Project Manager Bruce LaPointe presented the dedication for the ground breaking. The new Early Childhood Education Center has been made possible through funding by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, two HUD ICDBG (Indian Community Block Grants), and a USDA grant.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Left to right—Hank Chosa, Lisa Denomie, Sarah Smith, Jim Stingle, Eddy Edwards, Bruce LaPointe, William (Gene) Emery, Terri Denomie, Susan J. LaFernier. Photo by Clayton Ekdahl.



Newsletter picture

(Right to left) Miss Keweenaw Bay, Gabrielle Picciano, and Raymond Gauthier-Tolonen, participate with the MTU Aises members on their float, "One Heart Beat."



SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 —  
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on September 11, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. William “Gene” Emery presided over the meeting with Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Vice President William “Gene” Emery shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. The Secretary’s Report was given for August 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page two), the Treasurer’s Report for August 2010, was given by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO’s Report was given for August 2010, by CEO Larry Denomie III (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for July 2010.

**Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo for the Ojibwa Housing Authority’s budget process to become Council’s budget process that Council reviews on a yearly basis, like Council is currently doing with the budgets now, supported by Fred Dakota, seven supported (S. LaFerner, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Matthews, Edwards, Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, one absent (Swartz), motion carried.** Budget meetings are closed to non-tribal members (Tribal members are welcome to attend these sessions).

**Motion by Fred Dakota to introduce the substitute for Proposed Motor Vehicle Code, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

**Motion by Eddy Edwards to postpone the 3rd Reading for Proposed Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Code, for the purpose of Titling, Ordinance 2010-04, until the first Saturday meeting in November 2010, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further action.  
~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor

AUGUST 2010  
TREASURER’S REPORT

Activities Reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of August 2010. Treasurer’s report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

The budget process of Fiscal Year 2011 is currently underway. Council has had two meetings so far this year, and it is moving along nicely. We have a couple more sessions scheduled, and it appears that we should have the final budgets approved before the end of this fiscal year which is the end of this month (September).

Regarding Christmas bonuses, latest financials show that the amount available for distribution will likely be doubled the amount received last year. The funds will be distributed to eligible Tribal members after the end of the fiscal year. The amount is based on sales of certain products.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer



SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR  
THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerner, for the month of August 2010.

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year, designated in memory of the 2,993 killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Most Americans refer to the day as “nine eleven (9/11)”, “September Eleventh”, or some variation thereof. U.S. House of Representatives Joint Resolution 71 was approved by a vote of 407-0 on October 25, 2001. It requests that the President designate September 11 of each year as “Patriot Day.” President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law on December 18, 2001 (as Public Law 107-89). It is a discretionary day of remembrance. Initially, the day was called the Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001. On September 4, 2002, President Bush used his authority created by the resolution and proclaimed September 11, 2002, as Patriot Day. On this day, the President directs that the American Flag be flown at half-staff at individual American homes, at the White House, and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments, home and aboard. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Today, we are reminded that the world we live in continues to be a fragile place where tensions run high. There are not many of us who will ever forget where we were on that September morning nine years ago. We should never forget those whose lives were taken away in the horror of just a few hours. September 11 should be, for all of us, a day for quiet remembrance and reflections as we seek to find and live in the ways of peace. We urge all to remember September 11 in prayer and hope for peace in this world.

On August 3rd, I had the pleasure of beginning the day with prayer at our Donald A. LaPointe Health and Educational Facility with staff who hosted a two day meeting with the Public Health Accreditation Board and observers. We were one of thirty health departments nationwide and one of only three Tribal Health Departments to participate in a beta test for public health accreditation. We were the first Tribal clinic that they visited. Members of the Health Board also met with them for a luncheon.

On August 27th, Gene, Larry, Nancy Browsers, and I met with Brian Hartzell and Charleen Ahola, who are representatives from the Beacon House (Upper Michigan’s Hospitality House) located in Marquette. It has 34 rooms and 93% of all guests are residents of the U.P. Their mission is to operate a safe, supportive, and compassionate hospitality house for patients receiving medical care and their loved ones. The day before, the Tribal Council approved a \$1000 donation to the house which we presented, and they were very grateful as they operate on a donation basis.

Finally on August 31st, many enjoyed the new KBIC’s “Zaagkii Greenhouse Dedication” held at the Hatchery. The weather was beautiful, and we met Dr. Udgar Parsons who designed these types of greenhouses. The dedication was hosted by our partners: the U.S. Forest Service and the Cedar Tree Institute. The greenhouse concept dream began in 2008, and it will be used to grow and protect endangered Native plants that have been part of the original ecology of this region of Northern Michigan. The next day we also attended the “Native Plants in Restoration & Ethnobotany Workshop” also held at the Hatchery. Spe-

cial thanks to Jan Schultz, U.S. Forest Service; Jon Magnuson, Cedar Tree; Todd Warner and employees of the Hatchery. There are already plants growing there that will be transplanted to the Sand Point cover project next year. The greenhouse is a great accomplishment to be very proud of.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefits Agency. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

For the summer months, the Task Force and volunteers have been promoting the “Walk Your Way To Wellness” Walking Challenge May 2-August 7, 2010, with prizes awarded during each of the five segments and two grand prize winners. The fifth segment prize winners and grand prize winners were announced on August 12th. Congratulations to: Vicky Mleko, Tribal Center Receptionist; Amanda Savoula, Baraga Casino Guest Services; and Sandy Tahtinen, Marquette Casino Cage. Each received \$200 in Nike apparel. Our grand prize winners were: Kristyn Gabe, Baraga Casino Accounting, and Angie Olson, Ojibwa Housing, who both received a health related prize valued up to \$750! We had 176 total participants with 81 completing every single segment. Thank you to the WHIPP Task Force. Great job walkers, keep up the good work! Be watching for special events/healthful information every month.

On March 11th and 12th, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed “Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining No. MP 01 2007” in the circuit court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral arguments/briefs were heard on June 2, 2010, regarding the request for a motion to dismiss/and a change of venue by Kennecott. A decision for these requests has still not been made by the judge. The final briefs were filed in Washtenaw Circuit Court regarding the Part 632 Mining Permit Case (including Eagle Rock) and the Part 31 Groundwater Permit Case on July 20th.

Miigwech and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous members and friends who have been taking care of Migi zii wa sin throughout the ages.

Please continue to tell/write your elected officials and everyone that the short term benefits of the proposed mine are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Also challenge your November election candidates to address issues of sulfide mining, sulfide and uranium exploration, mineral rights, and landowner rights. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation’s DVD “Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance.”

Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the politi-



cal, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States, especially on Michigan Indian Day on September 24, 2010. Remember "Indian Country Counts—Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings. The Drug Force Mission statement is: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities." The educational event "Town Hall Meeting" Prescription Drug Abuse in Baraga County will be held on September 15th at 6:30 p.m. at KBOCC sponsored by the Copper Country Mental Health Institute and KBIC Access to Recovery program. A panel of local professionals will discuss this issue and answer questions. On July 27th the hearing regarding random drug tests for enterprise employees was heard at Tribal Court with Judge Bradley Dakota. Additional briefs were filed within 30 days.

During August 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on August 7, 2010. This meeting is covered in the September 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from August.

At the council meeting held August 5, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of April 10, 2010;
- Approved a donation of \$1000 to the Baraga County Community Foundation Tony Selkey Memorial Golf sponsorship;
- Approved Resolution KB 1770-2010 DHHS/IHS FY11 Tribal Management Grant (for electronic health records and VOIP phone management);
- Approved \$8008 for the Community Center/Youth Facility surveillance system equipment;
- Approved Ojibwa Builders bid for the Early Childhood Education Center;
- Approved the construction contract to Tribal Construction Company for the sewer work at the Marina/Campground;
- Approved interviewing five qualified applicants for the Commodity Foods Director position.

At the council meeting held August 12, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved up to \$35,000 from the roads funding for a front-end loader from a Marquette auction;
- Approved the meeting minutes of April 15, 16, and 22, 2010;
- Approved to offer the Commodity Foods Director position to Darren Webb;
- Approved a loan from the Superior National Bank for \$1,381,520.62 and to pledge the Trust Account assets as collateral on the loan and authorize the President to sign the loan documents for the Marquette land purchase;
- Approved the continuation of Tim Shanahan's sick leave hours until we hear from our insurance agent;
- Approved the Early Childhood Education Center standard agreement with the changes with Ojibwa Builders;
- Approved the services agreement with Ashtin Koski for a website development for the Community Assistance Program office;
- Approved the BSA Training proposal for air sealing/insulation and contractor installation/training for 15 students (CAP Office);

- Motion that the 15 students trained by BSA be Tribal members;
- Motion to schedule the three enterprise appeal of termination hearings for August 19, 2010;
- Approved the 3rd Reading for Ordinance 2010-01 to amend Sections 18B.303 through 18B.305 of Title 18 Chapter B of the Tribal Code to require the renewal of gaming establishment licenses every three years and waive the approval of the minutes and the policy.

At the council meeting held August 19, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the TERO Director/Work Force Coordinator position announcement with the changes;
- Approved the Park/Marina Caretaker position announcement with the changes;
- Approved the amendment to the Personnel Policy 15.0 Career Development (regular full time employees working 40 hours per week);
- Approved to table the draft changes to the Zero Tolerance for Theft Policy 24.1 for at least one week;
- Approved the KBIC Department of Transportation/Public Works proposal and time line;
- Approved a donation of \$1200 to the Four Thunders Drum Group to attend a traditional Powwow in Odanah, WI;
- Approved two bids for two vans for New Day from Copper Country Ford and replaces the July 29th motions for two vans;
- Approved Resolution KB1762-2010 Ann M. Dowd residential lease (cancels and transfers from Sandra A. Dowd);
- Defeated a motion to uphold the manager's decision in appeal of termination case #006-10;
- Defeated a motion to uphold the manager's decision in appeal of termination case #007-10;
- Defeated a motion to uphold the manager's decision in appeal of termination case #005-10;
- Approved giving five days suspension, reinstate the employee and no back pay in the appeal of termination case #006-10;
- Approved giving five days suspension, reinstate the employee and no back pay in the appeal of termination case #007-10;
- Approved giving five days suspension, reinstate the employee and no back pay in the appeal of termination case #005-10;

At the council meeting held August 26, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the language added to the letter to the Secretary of Education (Department of Education Public Institution Statement of Public Status for the college's application for participation in Title IV);
- Approved the amendment to Personnel Policy 24.1 Zero Tolerance for Theft and changed 18.2 Examples of Conduct which may result in immediate dismissal (added may);
- Approved the grade change from a grade 4 to a grade 5 for the Park/Marina Caretaker job description;
- Approved the removal of eight Atronic Cashline games and the installation of ten Bally Alpha Elite V32 games at the Marquette Casino;
- Approved the 2010 Primary and General Election timelines;
- Approved seven applicants for the Economic Development Committee;

- Tabled a request to add the Bay mills immersion class students for the Sovereign Fund until budget review;
- Approved the business license renewal for the Pre-primary Education Program;
- Approved a services agreement with Cory Fountaine to paint a mural on the north side of the Library/Science Center building;
- Approved the August donations: Linda Kemppainen \$660 for a wheelchair ramp, \$500 for the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, \$64 additional to Jessica Koski for gas for the "Protect the Earth" walk, \$500 for the Military Order of the Purple Heart Convention at the Baraga Casino, \$1000 to the Yankton Sioux Tribe for the flash flood disaster; \$1000 to the Beacon House in Marquette; \$1000 to the Marine Corps League (H. Mattson for an enclosed trailer to store the war memorial), \$1000 to the Cancer Society (Relay for Life), and \$1000 to Cultural Survival (preserves native languages—website).

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

**EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC Tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades four through twelve are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie  
524-0367 [shdenomi@laschools.K12.mi.us](mailto:shdenomi@laschools.K12.mi.us)

Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353-6661 [hjondreau@up.net](mailto:hjondreau@up.net)

All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov)

Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette students must provide a copy of student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16419 Beartown Rd. Baraga MI 49908

**Spiritual Message, from the National Indian Council on Aging**

This Message to America is the result of the National Indian Council on Aging's Year 2000 Conference in Duluth, Minnesota. More than 1,200 elders from 105 tribes across America attended and contributed to the words in this message. As you read this, think about our elders. They came together in a true spirit of cooperation, setting aside tribal and political differences so that we and our children might have words of wisdom to help throughout our lives. Please share this message to as many people as you can, both Native and non-Native. These are the words of Native American



Deepest Sympathy

Barbara Marie Mantila

March 31, 1928 - September 13, 2010

Barbara M. Mantila, 82 of Baraga, MI, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2010, at her home after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was born March 31, 1928, in Zeba, MI, the daughter of Samuel Lightfoot and Margaret (Kipsoden) Spruce. Barbara graduated from Baraga High School in 1975. She was a community health representative and an Associate Tribal Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Surviving are her sons: John (Gerry) Mantila of L'Anse, James (Lisa) Mantila of Ishpeming, Carl Mantila of L'Anse; daughters: Sylvia (Tim) Murray of Baraga, Mavis Mantila of Minneapolis, MN, Kathleen Mantila of Washington DC; sisters: Evelyn Holappa and Eleanor Seppanen both of Zeba, Rosemary Haataja of Pikes Peak; brother: Ronald (Betty) Spruce of L'Anse; six grandchildren: Elizabeth Evans, Jonathan Evans, Sara Mantila Roosa, Emily Mantila, Kristin Brown, Cheyenne Holappa; five great grandchildren: Madison & Lauren Evans, Scott Michael Brown, Amber Dowd and Kyle Holappa.

Preceding her in death are her parents; husband Edward Mantila; and her brothers, Russell, William, Robert, Kenneth, Sam, infant Stephen, Kenneth Spruce; infant sister Patricia Spruce.

Visitation and prayer services were held Thursday, September 16th in the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, with a funeral service held on Friday, Sept. 17th with Rev. John Henry officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

Doris E. Roberts

November 15, 1943 - September 15, 2010

Doris E. Roberts, 66, of Baraga, MI, passed away Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at Marquette General Hospital, following a short illness. She was born in Assinins, MI, on November 15, 1943, the daughter of the late Francis and Sarah (Edwards) Dowd. Doris was a graduate of Baraga High School. She married Raymond Roberts in Zeba, M., on August 11, 1979. Doris was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and various committees including the Tribal Enrollment Board. Doris enjoyed going to fairs, playing bingo, computer games, being outside, playing cards, shopping at Wal-Mart, cooking and baking. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Roberts is survived by her loving husband, Raymond of Baraga, son, Michael Dowd of L'Anse; daughter, Melinda Roberts of Baraga; grandchildren, Troy, Davina, Allyson, Gregory, Michael, and Jonahl; a great grandchild, Aubrey; brothers, Tom (Rose) Dowd of Escanaba, Joe (Kelly) Dowd of Zeba, Donny Dowd and Larry Dowd both of Baraga; and sister, Mary Saunders of Sault Ste. Marie. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her sister Pat, and brother Bruce.

Funeral services for Mrs. Roberts were held on Friday, September 17, 2010, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L'Anse, with Father John Longbucco officiating. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

Doris Roberts had contacted this editor earlier in the month, requesting to place a thank you ad in this edition. She had been hospitalized at Marquette General Hospital for a two-week period, had just returned home, and wished to thank everyone who had stopped by to visit with her or who assisted her family at home in any way. She was truly grateful for the concern and compassion of our community while she was ill.

It is unfortunate she walked on before sending me her written words, but her words were verbally expressed to me, and I feel the need to share them with you all today.

Doris was a special lady and she will be missed by many. Thank you.  
~ Lauri Denomie

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

The month of August into September marks the beginning of the planning and review of FY11 Budgets. Enterprise and governmental department budgets were completed and turned in mid-August. Initial review of the budgets provided a snap shot of the inequity between revenue generation, grants, and Tribal support dollars needed. During the month of September, Council will be reviewing and meeting with departments to perform the annual balancing act.

The TERO Director position, which is currently vacant, has been approved by Council to be upgraded, made full-time and will report to the Tribal President as indicated in the TERO Ordinance. The changes will allow for the TERO office to become more involved in providing training opportunities for current and future job needs. With the current economic conditions and job market, changes in future job opportunities in the area are imminent. Providing training programs for members to meet the skills needed for upcoming labor force needs is critical. The posting for the new position closes on September 10, with interviews and selection expected to take place by the 24th.

The Tribe is also seeking to fill the position of Parks Caretaker. The position has been changed slightly with supervision being moved from the Maintenance Director to the CEO. With the growth and development of the Sand Point Recreation Area the position becomes more of a business related than maintenance related requirement. The position will be filled around the 24th of September as well.

Our office, along with Project Manager, Bruce LaPointe, Realty Officer, Jason Ayres, and Tribal Construction GM, Mike LaFerner, will be developing a new department approved by Council. The Department of Public Works will be lead by Bruce LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate functions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are underway to make the necessary changes to get the new department up and running by October 1st. With the assistance of the new TERO Office, training programs will be developed to provide job opportunities with the new department to aid in employing current and potential new positions for community members. We will provide updates on the new department's development in the coming months.

The new Early Childhood Education Center construction project is underway. A ceremony is being planned by Bruce LaPointe, Project Manager, to highlight the facility. Once completed, the facility will be state of the art and be one of the most energy efficient facilities the Tribe owns. Ojibwa Builders, an entity of the Ojibwa Housing Authority, was awarded the construction contract and will provide work for laborers throughout the winter. As stated in earlier reports, the facility is slated to be completed in January of next year.

The WHIPP Task Force who leads the

Tribe's Wellness Initiative finished its' summer long Walk Your Way to Wellness event. The event had a total of 176 participants with a total of nearly 120M steps. We provided a survey at the end of the event which included a section for participants to provide comments. Some lost weight, with one stating that along with a balanced diet and tracking her steps, she lost a total of 53 lbs. Others got family members involved who never walked while others talked about how much better they felt and energy they had. Many stated they were going to keep up with their walking program just because of the results they experienced. Our September event promotes healthier food choices and every Wednesday fresh fruits and vegetables will be provided to every department throughout the Tribe. "Harvesting Your Way to Health" as the promotion is pitched, has already garnered positive feed back.

The Donald A. LaPointe Health Center renovation and expansion project is shaping up nicely. The exterior of the facility is nearly enclosed and the completion date of September 30th is on track. The hours of operation for the facility, that were adjusted earlier this summer to aid in meeting the completion date, have been extended to the end of the project completion. The facility is open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. — 5:30 p.m. and is closed on Fridays.

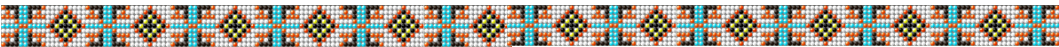
Robert Mudd, General Manager of the Baraga Casino and Resort, has been approved to make a change to the existing restaurant operation within the complex. The Eagles Nest currently operated by the resort will close the end of the business day on September 25th. On October 1st the facility will reopen under new management through a lease arrangement with an outside operator. There will be a completely new menu which will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner selections, with breakfast being served all day. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a big round of applause and thank you to all of those who worked for the Eagles Nest. I would also like to encourage everyone to give the new operator the opportunity to serve you with what is planned to be some exceptional food choices.

In a final note, the Tribe was recently awarded two new grants. The Tribal Court was awarded a \$350,000 grant to operate a concept known as Drug Court. Brad Dakota, Chief Judge, will oversee the grant and will provide more details during his budget meeting with Council next week.

The Tribe's Community Library received a \$133,000 IMLS grant which will provide a mobile library to extend its offerings within the community including the Headstart, Early Headstart and daycare operations. Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, oversees the library and will provide more information during her budget meeting with Council next week as well. Congratulations to Jean Jokinen and Jim Stingle on writing the grants.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO



Ojibwa Community Library News

The library has also added the following titles:

- *The Devil's Bed* by William Kent Krueger;
- *Thunder Bay* by William Kent Krueger;
- *Children's Cook Book, Quick and tasty recipes for young chefs.*

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director





# October 2010

## Youth Events/Niiwin Akeaa Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Calendar Subject to Change		October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!			1 Chelsey LaFerner Memorial Walk	2
3	4 Youth Committee 5pm Open gym 5-9	5	6 Girls Bootcamp 5:30pm	7 MTU Haunted House Field Trip Ages 13 & Up—8p Open gym 5-9	8 BHS & LHS No School	9
10	11 Youth Club Meeting 6pm Open gym 5-9	12	13 Girls Bootcamp 5:30pm	14 Open gym 5-9	15	16 Hayes Corn Maze Field Trip! - Call 353-4643 for more info!
17	18 Open gym 5-9	19	20 Girls Bootcamp 5:30pm	21 No open gym	22 MTU Speakers Forum Party Decorating— 5-8 Volunteers Needed!	23 MTU Powwow Halloween Party! 12pm-2pm Teen Dance w/ DJ Express! 8pm-Midnight
24 MQT Youth Halloween Party 3pm—5 pm	25 Open gym 5-9	26	27 Pumpkin Decorating Night! 6pm	28 Open gym 5-9	29	30
31		<b>KBIC YOUTH PROGRAMS</b> Cheryne Clements, Director Alice Brunk, Facility Attendant Paul Ekdahl, Facility Attendant Mariah Dunham, Facility Attendant Phone: 353-4643/4644		<b>Youth Facility Hours</b> Mon & Thurs: 8am-9pm Tuesday & Friday: 8am-4:30pm Wednesdays: 10am-6pm No one under the age of 18 is permitted in your building after supervised hours!		

### Marquette Halloween Party

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Marquette 2010 Halloween Party! Anyone interested can call Carrie Ashbrook at (906) 250-1018 or e-mail her at [carrieashbrook@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieashbrook@yahoo.com).  
Information will be sent home using the Title VII Programs, if your children does not attend school but lives in the Marquette County, please call me for the party information.

### Marquette Christmas Party

Anyone interested in helping with the Marquette Christmas Parties, please call Carrie Ashbrook at (906) 250-1018 or e-mail her at [carrieashbrook@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieashbrook@yahoo.com).  
New ideas and people are great way to help make the Marquette parties a great success!

### KBIC Weed & Seed hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual DEFY Summer Camp

Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) is a self-esteem building program that provides kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs, and alcohol.  
DEFY focuses on building youngsters' self-image and setting goals. It stresses interpersonal relations, and emphasizes leadership and teamwork. Along the way it raises awareness of the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs, as well as the dangerous effects of peer pressure to join gangs. The structured curriculum offers education, skill development and physical fitness. DEFY is all about creating positive

experiences so that kids will choose healthy alternatives instead of substance abuse and gang involvement, and experience a lesson in apprehension.  
*"This year, 35 kids participated in the KBIC DEFY summer camp. The kids learned life skills that will help them make positive decisions when put into difficult situations. The kids also had an opportunity to participate in team competitions throughout the week, go bowling, take a boat ride on the KBIC Tribal Conservation Boat, experience a K-9 presentation, track, article search, and apprehension. We had five*

*more kids attend camp this year which is great".*  
 I would like to thank the Drug Demand Reduction Division of the DEA and Michigan National Guard out of Grand Rapids, the U.S. Attorney's Office (Grand Rapids and Marquette), the KBIC Tribal Police and Conservation Departments, Ojibwa Lanes, Baraga Fire Department, Bay Ambulance, and the KBIC Youth Department for allowing members of their departments to take part in the DEFY camp experience.  
 ~ submitted by Chris Gerard, Weed & Seed Coordinator

# KBIC Youth Halloween Party

## Saturday, October 23rd

Costume Contest! **12pm - 2pm** Games & Prizes!  
 Pony Rides! **KBOCC Gym** Food!

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Followed by...

## Youth Halloween Dance with DJ EXPRESS

**8pm - Midnight**  
**7th - 12th Grade**  
**Cost: \$3 w/ Costume & \$5 without!**

Sponsored by the KBIC Youth Programs—Times & Date subject to change. For more information or for volunteer information please call 353-4643/4644.



## Football Program Receives Donation From Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Weed & Seed Grant



(Back row) Chris Gerard, (middle row) left to right, Reese Waara, Carsyn Osterman and William Jondreau, (front row) William Jondreau, Sr. (coach), Tyler Fish, Steele Jondreau, and Dean Osterman (coach).

To kick off the 2010 season, the Baraga Youth Football held a parent meeting at the Baraga Football Field. The Baraga Youth Football program has been funded by donations through the KBIC Weed & Seed program, GE program, and Baraga Booster Club. Entering into their fifth season of youth football, the program has now expanded into a padded program for the 2010 season. In 2009, the KBIC Weed & Seed Program and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community donated funds for the purchase of football equipment. Pictured above are players using the new equipment for this first time.

In 2010, the Baraga Youth Football program will continue with flag football for grades (k-6), and the padded program for grades (5-6) provide techniques, guidance and drills for the players. The program will continue to work with L'Anse for the 2010 season with dates/times for the home and away k-6 games. Schedule will be available at a later date.

The Baraga Youth Football program has established a committee of: Chris Gerard (KBIC Weed & Seed), Dean Osterman (coach/organizer) and Bill Jondreau (coach/organizer). A separate football committee (Baraga Football coaches and athletic director) was established to meet with the youth program to offer guidance and instruction.

Parents/players can also find additional information on the Baraga Youth Football website @ [weplay.com](http://weplay.com).

## 2010 Summer—Annual Youth Trip



(Back Row), left to right, Desiree Jermac, Sierra Curtis, Tori Rasanen, Ashley Beck, Breanna Gauthier, Vanessa Beaver, Ethan Lee, Sonja Welch, (Middle/Front Row), Shane Bryan, Angela Olson, Brooke Chaudier, Durwyn Chaudier, Angelica Bogda, Mariah Dunham, Gabrielle Picciano, Tashina Emery, Shani Shelifoe, Ginger Shelifoe, Jeanne Kauppila, Justin Hartzog, Brigitte LaPointe, (kneeling), Vicky Mleko and Cheryne Clements.

This year was an exciting year for the KBIC Youth Club. Seventeen youth attend the annual Summer Trip this year, which was held in Minneapolis, MN. The youth group enjoyed a Major League baseball game, the Mall of America, and Valley Fair amusement park. Six chaperones escorted the 17 youth on their trip. Chaperones included Cheryne Clements (Youth Director), Vicky Mleko (Youth Committee Member), Jeanne Kauppila (Youth Committee Member), Mariah Dunham (Youth Programs Employee), Angela Olson (Top Adult Volunteer for the 2010 year) and Brigitte LaPointe (Volunteer Chaperone).

In order for youth to attend the Summer Trip, they had to document 25 hours of volunteer time throughout the year where different events and opportunities were held for the youth to achieve these volunteer hours. These opportunities included, but weren't limited too, activities such as helping at the Powwow concession stand, setting up and cleaning up after youth dances, Youth Roadside cleanup nights, assisting with the Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament, attending Youth Club meetings, decorating for Holiday Parties, Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser, Youth Carwash, and being a Mentor for the Youth Programs Summer Days program or the DEFY Camp.

If your child is interested in becoming a part of the Youth Club call 353-4643 for information or visit them at the Youth Programs office, which is located in the Ojibwa Community College building.

# New Employees



Darren Webb has been hired as the Commodities Director. Darren brings ten years of experience with him, as he has been employed with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Commodities Program as a certification/warehouse employee.

Darren is a KBIC member, and lives in Baraga with his seven-year-old son, Robert. Darren states, "In my spare time, I enjoy hunting and fishing, and outdoor activities."

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Newsletter picture

Joshua Drury has been hired as a KBIC Wildlife Technician. Josh brings more than ten years experience to KBIC in the natural resource field. His previous employment includes one year with the Lake Superior Watershed, four years with the DNR, two years with the National Park Service, two years with the US Fish and Wildlife, and one year with his own tribe, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as a Lake Sturgeon Technician.

Josh is a 2002 graduate of Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Environmental Conservation and a Native American Studies minor.

Josh lives north of Marquette with his two English Setters, Pepper and Spice. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing, watching football, and spending time at his camp on Conway Lake in Big Bay.

## Save The Wild U.P To Host Musical Artist Claudia Schmidt



Save the Wild U.P will host musical artist Claudia Schmidt in concert on Friday, October 22, at the historic Thunder Bay Inn in beautiful uptown Big Bay, beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.

Michigan native Claudia Schmidt describes herself as a "creative noisemaker," which has delighted many audiences who learn to expect anything at her concerts - hymn, poem, bawdy verse, torch song, satire, and the gamut of emotions. One critic has described a Claudia Schmidt concert as "....a lot like falling in love. You never know what's going to happen next; chances are it's going to be wonderful; every moment is burned into your memory; and you

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INVITED DRUMS ✦ TBA  
plus more to be announced

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HEAD MALE DANCER ✦ Tim Loonsfoot  
HEAD FEMALE DANCER ✦ Bethany Earl  
HEAD AISES DANCER ✦ Jacob Swaney  
HEAD YOUTH MALE DANCER TBA  
HEAD YOUTH FEMALE DANCER ✦ Gabrielle Picciano

For More Information Contact:  
Center for Diversity and Inclusion at **906-487-2920**  
or email: [muhlig@mtu.edu](mailto:muhlig@mtu.edu)

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## NATIVE AMERICAN ANTHOLOGY SUBMISSIONS REQUESTED

Editors of an upcoming anthology of literature and art related to the contemporary American Indian experience in Michigan are seeking submissions. The book will be published by the Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies and the NMU Press, with funding from the Michigan Humanities Council.

Relevant topics may include—but are not limited to—the land, lakes, family, the search for center, ideas of time and the past, communalism and Native communities on and off reservation homelands, orality, storytelling, the power of words and symbols, Indian education, places and Indian place making in the state, sacred site retention and loss, Indian/land reciprocity, the Michigan urban Indian experience, ceremony and ritual, new cultural ways and the persistence of traditional arts and lifeways.

“We’re seeking stories and art addressing contemporary Indian identity in Michigan,” said Grace Chaillier, project coordinator. “Who and what are Michigan Indians today? How have their experiences and those of their ancestors influenced or informed who they are? Are there Indian ‘transplants’ who bring perspectives from other places that diversify the Michigan experience and, if so, how do they enrich us?”

All work must reflect being Indian in Michigan, and at some point, address issues of Indian modernity. Humorous submissions are encouraged. The anthology may be used in classrooms but is intended for a general audience. Authors and artists whose work is included will receive two copies of the book as remuneration.

Individuals may submit the following for consideration: original, unpublished poetry (up to three poems), a short story, creative nonfiction essay, memoir, profile, cartoon, comic strip, stand-alone excerpt from a longer work, drawing, illustration or photograph (up to three color or black-and-white photos). Manuscripts should be a maximum 4,000 words or 12 pages and images should have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi if sent electronically.

Please e-mail submissions to Chaillier at [mintvart@nmu.edu](mailto:mintvart@nmu.edu) or mail to her attention at the NMU Center for Native American Studies, 1401 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette MI 49855. The deadline is Oct. 15.

~ submitted by Kristi Evans, NMU

### **Spiritual Message from elders continued:**

elders, but the values expressed in this message can be appreciated by all of humanity.

### **Spiritual Message From Our Elders**

As we stand before the dawn of a new millennium, we pray for American’s survival, our survival.

We pray that we will be given strength by the Creator to follow the footsteps of our forefathers to share our love, respect, and compassion for one another. There is good in everyone because our Creator has put a little of “Himself” in all of us.

We pray for forgiveness for the pain and suffering we have caused one another.

We pray that our children will not repeat our mistakes.

We pray that we can respect the diversity of America; all life is sacred. Every child born is a precious gift of our Creator. It is our sacred trust to embrace children from all walks of life because we are part of the same family.

We pray that children will honor and respect their elders — that is where the wisdom comes from. This respect will not allow forgotten elders. We are all equal, with  
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## OJIBWA ORAL HISTORY LITERACY PROJECT



(Left to right) Even Start Program Graduate Brandon Chosa, student Leia Renfro, Adult Ed Teacher Doug Ploe.

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center is placing a unique focus on literacy through an Ojibwa oral history project they are piloting this month for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. This project, entitled “The Dream Catcher Chronicles,” is designed to promote the development of family literacy in the home, school, and community in a very meaningful and educational way.

A collaborative plan has been developed with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to utilize Even Start students for the collection and documentation of the stories and events passed on through the oral tradition of Ojibwa Tribal elders and family members. Training has begun in the Even Start adult education classroom where participants are learning the art of collecting oral histories and becoming familiar with the technology they will use to document their work. Tribal elders are invited to “share their stories” with the KBIC Even Start oral history team in an effort to preserve memories and pass on a deeper, more personal understanding of the traditions and events that have shaped the lives of the people who share a common bond of heritage. Through this cooperative effort between generations, family stories, photos, and anecdotes, will help to define a strong cultural sense of place for the children and grandchildren of the community.

“We are eager to begin our oral history project,” states project director, Gail Juntunen. “The idea grew out of a need to provide authentic learning situations for our families. As our young adults go through the Even Start program, they learn to meet personal educational goals and develop their abilities to provide a strong educational

foundation for their young children. This project is a way to assist them in building literacy skills while they gain a greater understanding of their heritage.” In addition to compiling oral history interviews for the Tribal preservation efforts, the project will provide opportunities for family literacy activities that result in family albums, slide-shows, videos, and books.

Juntunen explains, “One of our Even Start students has already completed her first oral history project. After interviewing her great-aunt, she chose to create a digital slideshow for her children to teach them about a topic they had discussed, The Four Medicines. Her work helps to create a bridge between the generations and will support the continuing efforts of cultural preservation for her family and the community.”

The “Dream Catcher Chronicles” project is funded by a grant through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Even Start Family Literacy program was one of nine recipients nation-wide to receive the 2010 grant award. Funding has allowed the project to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and resources for oral history recording and preservation. Honoraria will be provided to Elders participating in the project.

KBIC Even Start is a free educational service to families with children 0-8 and at least one parent who would like to improve literacy skills, graduate from high school, or earn a GED. For more information on program services or “The Dream Catcher Chronicles” oral history project, call the Center at 353-8161.

each having our own special gift to contribute. These values allow our youth to become leaders and workers in our society. Children, you are our future and our hope for the people. Stand and be courageous.

We pray to learn and use the wisdom of all that has come before us, to achieve personal successes and to contribute to those of others. Only when our young ones learn respect for everything can they evolve.

### **Earth**

We pray for respect and love of Mother Earth because she is the foundation of hu-

man survival and we must keep her pollution-free for those who will travel after us. Protect her water, air, soil, trees, forests, plants, and animals.

Do not just take and waste resources. Make it a priority to conserve.

The land is given to us by the Creator to care for, not to own. If we take care of the land, the land will take care of us.

### **Unity**

We should have respect for each other. We pray for commitment and responsible behavior in order to help those in need and



to give them support and friendship. Be an example in life that others may follow; serve people, community, and country.

We should all strive to be leaders and contributors. Do not sit back and let others plan and do all the thinking.

Let us unite together so that we may have the strength to protect our future. Strength comes from working through trials and tribulations.

Health

Spiritual health is the key to holistic health.

We pray to have the discipline to set healthy examples for our children to follow.

Respecting everyone and everything in the universe starts with self-respect.

Take time to listen and take care of your body and spirit.

Family and Youth

Family is important and precious. Always let them know that they are loved.

Let your children and grandchildren know you are always there to love and support them and that they mean the world to you no matter what they do or say. Children are of infinite value.

Live what you teach. Spiritual values, honesty, and integrity start in the home.

We pray for the youth. We must teach the youth to work together and respect all that is living on our Mother Earth.

We need to convey to our younger generations that the survival of our people lies in spirituality.

Peace

We pray to learn ways to settle differences peacefully.

Teach respect for each other's ideas. Value honesty on all levels, from children to parents to community to governments. We will be happy when we create peace with each other.

To The 7th Generation

- Survive;
- Keep hopes and dreams;
- Take care of yourself;
- Remember your spirit;
- Be there for each other;
- Respect courage;
- Share knowledge;
- Always keep learning.

~ submitted by Loretta Hugo, Ojibwa Senior Citizens

A Note From SFC Donna Veker-Stump, U.S. Army, Iraq, to her mother, Loretta Hugo, Zeba, Michigan. . .

Saturday, March 13, 2010.

I have to tell you about this freaky thing that happened Sunday morning when I was out trotting. I saw this old bird next to the road and I said "Good morning" to him. He looked a little ornery. About 30 seconds later, I felt something hit the back of my head, and it propelled me forward. I'll be damned; it was that ornery old bird that flew into the back of my head. He went and sat on the wall and watched me. I picked up my pace, looking over my shoulder to make sure that he wasn't chasing me (like "The Birds" movie), or a flock. All of the years I have spent outdoors walking, hiking, skiing, running... I have never had a bird fly into me. Of course I was checking to make sure he didn't leave any deposits in my hair (poo, grass, sticks). Crazy possessed thing.

After all that, I'm trotting on Thursday morning, and I'll be danged if that crazy bird wasn't back in the trees eyeballing me. I think he's protecting a nest or something. He was following me for a couple of palm trees, squawking away and then stopped when I clapped my hands and said gaawiin.

~ shared with the community by Loretta Hugo

Zaagkii Greenhouse Dedication Held August 31, 2010



Jon Magnuson, of The Cedar Tree Institute, Marquette, Michigan, shown above, was instrumental with funding for the greenhouse project. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community provided supplemental funding. Photo compliments of Greg Peterson.

A dedication ceremony was held on August 31, 2010, for KBIC's Zaagkii Greenhouse, located at the KBIC Natural Resource Department on the Pequaming Road, on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Reservation. The greenhouse is one of the few in this region whose purpose is to work with native plant species. The 33 foot dome building will serve as both an educational tool and an example of the diversity of native life for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Tribal Council Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, invites the community to "stop by and visit the greenhouse and see first hand how wonderful it is."

~ submitted by newsletter editor

OJIBWEMOWIN

Binaakwe Giizis—Falling Leaves Moon—October

**Crossword**

**Across:**

1. Pumpkin
2. Harvest
3. Having a feast
4. Potato
5. Autumn
6. Corn
7. Frybread

**Down:**

1. Carrot
2. Deer
3. Squash
4. Bear
5. Rabbit

**WORD LIST**

bakitoshkaigewinan  
wiikondiwig  
mandaamin  
waawashkeshi  
okosimaan  
dagwaagin  
maakwa  
waabooz  
okosimaan  
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**Fill-in-the-blank**

Autumn — d \_ g \_ a \_ g \_ n      Pumpkin — \_ \_ o s \_ m a \_ n  
Corn — \_ \_ \_ d a a m \_ n      Harvest — b \_ \_ \_ \_ o s h \_ \_ \_ g e w \_ \_ \_ n  
Carrot — \_ \_ a a \_ \_ k a a \_ \_ \_ k      Having a feast — w \_ \_ k \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ g  
Deer — w \_ \_ w \_ s \_ \_ \_ s h \_      Potato — \_ \_ \_ \_ n  
Frybread — \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ n      Bear — m \_ \_ k \_ \_  
Squash — \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ a \_ n      Rabbit — \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ z

**Puzzle**

*The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm, and from the Freelang Ojibwe/English on-line dictionary.*

~ submitted by newsletter editor





**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

#### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

#### KBOCC Students Services Corner

KBOCC Student Services has a full agenda of programs, events, and activities for the Fall 2010 Semester:

##### Student Groups

- The KBOCC Student Government is set up to represent the student body and all KBOCC students are welcome to attend Student Government meetings.
- SNOWS (Student & Native Organization of Writers and Storytellers) is set up to promote and encourage student and community writers and is open to all KBOCC students.
- AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) promotes interest in engineering and science fields and is open to all KBOCC students.
- AIBL (American Indian Business Leaders) promotes student interest in business and is open to all KBOCC students.

##### Student Events

A variety of student events are scheduled for this semester and include:

- cultural events,
- Wii and study group activities at the Student Center,
- "color" tours,
- healthy cooking, etc.

The Student Government will be instrumental in continuing to develop the Student Calendar for the rest of the semester, so please attend the Student Government meetings with your ideas!

##### Student Programs

Student programming for the Fall 2010 semester includes:

- A Career Guidance Program
- Student Leadership/1<sup>st</sup> Year Student Experience Workshops
- Math Refresher/Overcoming Math Anxiety Workshops
- Evening Child Care

Student ideas are the driving force of Student Service programming, so please bring your ideas to a KBOCC Student Government meeting or to Cherie Dakota, Dean of Student Services (353-4628). Miigwech!

**All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Light-house, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!**

#### IMLS Awards More Than \$2 Million to Native American Tribes for Enhancement of Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced September 7, 2010, that out of 46 applicants nation-wide, 17 Federally Recognized Native American tribal communities were chosen to receive \$2,030,562.00 in Native American Library Services Enhancement grants.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded a two year, \$133,779.00 enhancement grant.

The project is titled "Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Aabjiji-miinidiwin (Endless Gift) Project." It is a cooperative effort, between the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Department, Ojibwa Community Library, the Early Head Start/Head Start Program and the Pre-Primary Education Center, that will focus on expanding and enhancing existing library services to children up to the age of five and their caregivers. New books, audio visual materials, and expanded hours will enhance the library's appeal to children and their families. School classes will visit the library monthly. Staff will initiate a supplemental in-school outreach program that takes the library to the children and establishes mini-libraries at the Zeba and Baraga centers on the reservation.

The Ojibwa Community Library is located at 409 Superior Ave., in Baraga; phone 353-8163; e-mail: [oclib@up.net](mailto:oclib@up.net)



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**U.S. MARINES**  
**235<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**  
November 5, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino & Resort Conference Rooms  
Social Hour—5 p.m.  
For more information contact:  
Howard Mattson at 524-5994

#### Credit Reports

Credit Report! "I know mine is awful, and I don't want to see it!" This is the reaction of many people when they are first approached about reviewing their credit reports. They have a fear of even looking at them. This blocks them from being able to move forward toward becoming a homeowner, starting a small business, purchasing a vehicle or whatever their desire may be. For several years now, Ojibwa Housing Authority staff has assisted others with pulling, reviewing and clearing credit reports. There is nothing like watching a weight lift and seeing someone walk out the door with a smile and look of hope. If you need help in this area, please call Natalie Mleko or Christine LaPointe at 353-7117.

If you are thinking of purchasing a home in the near or distant future and would like information on lending agencies, how to clear credit issues or the home buying process, the Ojibwa Housing Authority provides sessions that assist in all of these areas. A Homebuyer Information and Financial Session, (Part 1 & Part 2) is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 14 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ojibwa Housing Authority in Baraga. Those interested in attending are asked to call Natalie or Christine at 353-7117.

#### KBIC TO HOLD PRIMARY ELECTION OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council has approved the 2010 Primary Election Timeline for the Primary Election to be held on October 30, 2010.

Nomination period opened on September 16, 2010, with a Registration Deadline of September 30, 2010, at 4 p.m. The KBIC Tribal Council will meet to approve the candidates on October 2, 2010. Eligible voters (approved Baraga County reservation residents and Marquette County Trust Land residents) deadline to request absentee ballots is October 8, 2010. A list will be posted of registered voters and candidates on October 20, 2010. Absentee voting in Marquette will be held on October 28, 2010, and homebound voting will occur on October 29, 2010. The Primary election will be held on October 30, 2010.

Questions may be directed to Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairman, at (906) 353-6623, ext. 4113.



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC ABUSE MONTH AWARENESS...

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Dept. of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Programs



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Dept of Health and Human Services  
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Look at your current relationship and honestly answer these questions.

Yes	No	Are you or your children afraid of your partner?
Yes	No	Do you sometimes lie to family and friends to cover up your partner's abusiveness?
Yes	No	Do you have to be careful of what you say and do when you are with your partner so he/she doesn't get angry?
Yes	No	Does your partner constantly criticize you despite your efforts to please him/her?
Yes	No	Does your partner embarrass you in front of family and friends?
Yes	No	Does your partner put down your accomplishments or goals?
Yes	No	Does your partner threaten you, grab you, shove you or hit you?
Yes	No	Does your partner check up on you, such as setting time limits on your trips to and from the store and other places you visit?
Yes	No	Does your partner prevent you from spending time with your family or friends?
Yes	No	Do you stay with your partner because you are afraid of what your partner would do if you broke up?
Yes	No	Does your partner unjustly and repeatedly accuse you of having affairs or flirting?
Yes	No	Does your partner not allow you to earn or keep your own money?
Yes	No	Has your partner ever left or abandoned you in a dangerous place?
Yes	No	Has your partner ever destroyed your personal property or other sentimental items?
Yes	No	Does your partner manipulate you with lies and threats?
Yes	No	Are you beginning to believe all the terrible things your partner accuses you of or says about you?

If you answer "yes" to just one of these questions, you may be a victim of domestic violence.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** Resources and services are available to help stop the cycle of violence! Call 906.353.4532 if someone is hurting you!

This project is supported by grant #s 2009-E6-0033 and 2009-TW-AX-0034, awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, US Dept of Justice. The opinions, findings and conclusions and recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Dept of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

Michigan Tobacco Quitline Offers Free Nicotine Patches, Gum or Lozenges

LANSING - Michigan is smokefree. Are you? The Michigan Department of Community Health is encouraging people who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco to take advantage of free nicotine replacement products by calling the Michigan Tobacco Quitline. The Quitline phone number is 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784.8669) and registration is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The program will provide a two-week supply of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges to all tobacco users who are age 18 and over and meet basic health requirements. The free program is available to all callers regardless of income or insurance status. MDCH also will continue to provide the same products to the uninsured on a regular basis. The nicotine patches, gum and lozenges are available now until supplies last and are provided on a first come, first served basis.

To be eligible, callers must enroll in cessation services with the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT NOW. When Michigan residents enroll with the Quitline, they will receive a personal coach who will assist them in setting a quit date and making an individualized quit plan. The personal coach also will provide on-going support with up to five telephone coaching sessions around the caller's quit date.

"Callers using nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) along with support through a telephone-based service like 1-800-QUIT NOW can increase their chances of remaining smokefree by 28 percent compared to

quitting cold turkey," said Dr. Greg Holzman, chief medical executive for MDCH. "Providing access to free NRT during this promotion will greatly enhance MDCH's mission to take steps to prevent disease, promote wellness and improve quality of life."

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline has received nearly 34,000 requests for assistance since it was launched in October 2003. The Quitline offers both English and Spanish-speaking counselors, as well as interpretive services for a wide variety of languages. For more information, call 1-800-QUIT NOW or go to [www.michigan.gov/tobacco](http://www.michigan.gov/tobacco).

Save The Wild U.P Host Schmidt continued:

know you'll never be the same again."

Schmidt travels to the Big Bay area, helping to bring awareness to the Kennecott Eagle Project and the importance of protecting land and water resources for future generations. "My inspiration and writing has always been deeply rooted in connection with place, be it my specific place (Great Lakes bioregion) or just plain Planet Earth. My passion and my challenge is for living in balance. I hope, by example, to inspire others to hold to that challenge," says Schmidt.

A social gathering will begin at 5:30 at the Inn featuring local musicians, Michigan wine and cheese selections and a silent auction of beautiful artwork, donated by local artists. Claudia's concert will begin at 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Tickets are available at the SWUP office, Big Bay Outfitters, or the evening of the concert for \$25, student tickets, \$20. All seating is great, however, limited. Buy early!

**October 2010  
Calendars Events**

**Oct 1** — Chelsey LaFerner Memorial Walk, 5 p.m.

**Oct. 2** — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 11 am, held at the Community Building, Harvey, Michigan

**Oct. 20** — Veterans meeting, 7 pm;

**Oct. 22** — Claudia Schmidt Concert, 7 pm

**Oct. 23** — KBIC (Baraga) Halloween Party for youth 12 noon; KBIC (Baraga) Teen Halloween Dance 8 p.m.; Spirit of the Harvest Powwow (grand entries 1 pm and 7 pm

**Oct. 24** — KBIC (Marquette) Youth/Teen Halloween Party 3 pm

**Oct. 30** — Primary Election held

**Oct. 31** — Happy Halloween

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov) to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



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<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- \* On-call Van Driver — October 1
- \* Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- \* Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

**On Call positions:**

- \* Community Service Supervisor
- \* Unit Manager
- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Youth Program & Facility Attendant

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com).

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**KBIC Seasonal Flu**  
**Vaccine Clinic**

KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor  
 9:00 - 4:00 ~ Every Tuesday  
 Walk-in Basis ~ While Supplies Last

Vaccine is available for Tribal members, descendants, & non-native household contacts.


Bring your insurance card if you have one.

If you need to schedule an alternate time or date contact Heather, 353-4546 or Kim, 353-4510.

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# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

Gashkadino Giizis - Freezing Moon - November 2010 Issue 76

Formally known as the GIKENDAAM CHIWIKWEGAMAG



## 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk Held



Newsletter photo.

Above, President Swartz (right) joins the family of Chelsey LaFernier at the annual walk in her memory. Chelsey's father, Harry LaFernier, (left) assists President Swartz with the banner.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community recognizes October as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and holds an annual memorial walk in memory of a young anishinaabe ikwe, Chelsey LaFernier, whose life was taken on January 22, 2009, through a devastating act of domestic violence.

On October 1st, nearly 400 community members, family, and loved ones gathered to register at the corner of Lyons and McGillian Street, in Baraga, Michigan, near the home where Chelsey was murdered by her domestic partner. Upon registration participants received purple shirts to wear on their journey. Purple is not only the color which represents domestic abuse awareness, it was also Chelsey's favorite.

A group of community women organized the Women's Gimiwanotaageshimowin Survivor Group and began planning the annual event months ago. They decided to use the theme "Paint the Town Purple" to raise domestic violence awareness. Purple ribbons were hung throughout the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community reservation in Marquette,

Baraga, and Zeba, and the KBIC Youth painted large metal cans purple with a number of sayings displayed on them. They have been distributed throughout the community as pop can receptacles in hopes to bring in funding for next year and to Paint the Town even more purple. The Women's Gimiwanotaageshimowin Survivor Group does this as a reminder to the community that domestic violence is a community problem, and it is up to the community to put an end to it. This year's event was made possible through generous donations made throughout the Upper Peninsula and from the KBIC with fund raising raffle and some grant dollars.

The 1.8 mile walk began with a pipe ceremony and honor song from the Four Thunders Drum group and proceeded through the tribal neighborhoods onto M-38 to Beartown Road where participants gathered at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. Upon arriving at the center, Chelsey's sister, Lily Leinonen, cited a poem for the crowd that she had written for Chelsey. Hundreds of purple, pink, and white balloons were released directly following the poem, signifying and acknowledging survivors of domestic violence.

The program inside of the Niiwin Akeaa Center focused on four speakers: Lisa Lyotte, a survivor of a violent crime who recently had the honor of introducing President Barack Obama after presenting her story at the signing of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, began by sharing her tragic story with us. Lisa was followed by another brave survivor, Marlene Williams, whose sister's life was taken by her husband on her honeymoon after only one day of marriage. Beatrice Jackson, Outreach Coordinator for Uniting Three Fires against Violence for Sault Sainte Marie, and Ruth Oja, VOCA Coordinator for Hannahville,



Newsletter photo.

Friends. (Right) Alexxus DeCota (Chelsey's daughter) is joined by her friend (left) Dana Kelly who were prepared to walk rain or shine. The girls posed as organizers registered participants.

### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
William E. Emery, Vice-President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer  
Toni Minton  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Jerry Lee Curtis  
Frederick Dakota  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Isabelle H. Welsh



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- October 2, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk
- KBIC Youth at Corn Maze
- KBIC Harvest Feast
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award
- Ojibwa Oral History Project
- KBOCC News
- NMU Native American Heritage Month Activities
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

### Precious Sister,

by Lily Leinonen

Sometimes I still hear the sound of your voice.  
I wish you were still here with me,  
but you had no choice.  
I know an angel held you  
as your body said goodbye.  
But that doesn't stop my heart from breaking...  
"I miss you and cry."  
No one can believe that you're really gone.  
Our hearts are broken and our spirits moan.  
"She was too young," I've heard people say.  
"Why did she have to die this way?"  
I try not to be angry, I kneel and pray, asking god  
to be with us, as we face each day.  
I always try to give mom an extra kiss,  
to make up for a little girl, she will always miss.  
I understand everyone's emptiness and their sorrow too,  
because my precious sister... we all miss you.  
I know that you are happy in heaven above,  
surrounded by the angels and all of their love.  
But today on earth, my heart still grieves,  
"because you are no longer here to talk with me."  
I will look toward heaven, for I know I will see,  
a star that will suddenly glow big and bright.  
It will be my sister smiling and watching over me.

Photo by Emily Evans.



OCTOBER 2, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on October 2, 2010, at the Marquette Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with William Emery, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. The President’s Report was given for August/September 2010, by President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (page three), the Secretary’s Report was given for September 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page four), the Treasurer’s Report for September 2010, was given by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO’s Report was given for September 2010, by CEO Larry Denomie III (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for August 2010.

Pat Brown, a Marquette KBIC Senior Citizen, brought forth a request regarding the Marquette Seniors’ Christmas Party. After researching many avenues, she suggested holding the 2010 Marquette KBIC Senior Citizen Christmas luncheon at Wahlstrom’s Restaurant which is located at 5043 U.S. Highway 41, south of Marquette. The 59 seniors and one guest plus our 12 council members would each have a choice of three main entrees on a traditional buffet. Ms. Brown requested \$2500 (\$17/plate for 130 individuals, and the remainder would be used for center piece arrangements and other items for the event). The event is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve \$2500 for the Marquette KBIC Senior Christmas Party, supported by Fred Dakota, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.** It was noted that Council has previously budgeted the senior’s Christmas gift cards.

Geraldine Bess addressed the Council with enrollment questions she is having regarding her grandchildren. Diana Chaudier, Enrollment Research Assistant, was present and informed Council and Ms. Bess that the enrollment office would be more than happy to sit down with her and her family regarding their enrollment concerns. Council did inform Ms. Bess that the Community has an enrollment ordinance which establishes a structure for the enrollment process. This ordinance does provide a grievance process as well. Ms. Bess indicated she would contact the enrollment office and schedule a meeting.

Eddy Edwards brought forth a draft MOA between KBOCC and the Community. The current MOA expired on September 30, 2010, and needs to be renewed. Mr. Edwards stated he was not looking for approval on this draft but wanted to introduce it to Council’s attention. **Motion by Fred Dakota to table this MOA, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.**

Diana Chaudier, Chairman for the Election Board, provided a list of members listed in alphabetical order who have submitted their names to be placed on the Primary Election Ballot as — Tribal Council/Baraga District: Fred Dakota, Charlotte Loonsfoot, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Marilyn Loonsfoot, Elizabeth Mayo, Dominic Picciano, Kerry Picciano, and Donald Shalfoe, Sr.; Tribal Council/L’Anse District: Jean Jokinen, Michael LaFerner, Sr., Toni Minton, and JoAnne Racette; Associate Judge: John Davis and Violet Friisvall Ayres. The Election Board met on Friday, October 1, 2010,

and reviewed the candidates listed. A Primary Election is required only in the Baraga District for the positions of Tribal Council. Regarding the positions for Tribal Council/L’Anse District and the Associate Judge position, the number of candidates did not exceed twice the number of offices available, (per Election Ordinance 2008-004) and therefore will not require a Primary Election. David Carmody from Governmental Business Systems (GBS) will be programming the Accu-Vote Machine at the Tribal Police Office when a date is scheduled, and the setting of the machines will be witnessed by Chaudier and a Tribal Police Officer. Primary Election results will be announced at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen building immediately following the Primary Election. **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve the Baraga candidates, supported by Fred Dakota, nine supported (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Welsh), 0 opposed, one abstained (S. LaFerner), one absent (Minton), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards brought forth the donation requests for September/October 2010. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve for the October 2010 donations — Bay Cliff Health Camp in the amount of \$1000, John Hellyer’s (quadriplegic) Cell Phone Service in the amount of \$1200, and for the 15th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow and Speakers’ Forum being held October 22-23, 2010, in the amount of \$8000; and to table the requests of Jacob Haapapuro and Margarita Nieskes for \$800 each for AISES National Conference travel November 10-14, 2010, and assistance requested by Kara Madosh of Menominee, Wisconsin, where she attends college, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.** Consensus of the Council was to have the CEO look into putting John Hellyer’s Cell Phone on the Tribe’s contract and to look into offering this service to other tribal members with special needs.

William (Gene) Emery brought a request from the Constitution Task Force to become a Constitutional Committee and a budget request in the amount of \$46,120. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to create a Constitution Committee, post the available positions, follow the formal policy for committees, then present the budget for review, supported by Isabelle Welsh, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.** Consensus of the Council was to have these positions advertised in the Tribal Newsletter and local papers as well as the meeting date/time.

Michael LaFerner, Sr. brought forth a request to add “Trust Property in Marquette” for the high school senior expenses. Discussion brought out that Marquette County high school seniors are in need of assistance with these expenses which is in the amount of \$250. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to table adding Marquette County to the high school seniors’ expenses until we go through the budget process and to see how much money it would cost, supported by Fred Dakota, three supported (S. LaFerner, Dakota, Mayo), seven opposed (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Welsh), 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion defeated.** **Motion by Michael LaFerner, Sr., to add Marquette County high school seniors to the \$250 allowance given for senior’s high school expenses, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further action.  
~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor

SEPTEMBER 2010  
TREASURER’S REPORT

Activities Reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of September 2010. Treasurer’s report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

Council continues with the budget process for Fiscal Year 2011 which likely will be approved within the next few weeks.

An update regarding the Christmas bonuses: latest financials indicate the amount to be distributed will be \$1300 or a slightly higher amount. These funds will be distributed near the Thanksgiving holiday to eligible Tribal members. The amount is based on sales of certain products.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
PROGRAM ON  
INDIAN RESERVATIONS  
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\*  
FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED  
STATES AND ALASKA  
(Effective October 1, 2010)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each addi- tional member	+ \$312	+ \$390

\*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

**Dependant Care Deduction** — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

**Earned Income Deduction** — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

**Child Support Deduction** — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

\* Cannot be on food stamps.

PLEASE BRING BOXES, CRATES,  
BASKETS, ETC...

NOTICE TO KBIC MEMBERS:

There will be two Constitutional Task Force meetings held in November as follows:

Dates: November 5 & 19, 2010

Times: 10:00 a.m. thru  
12:00 (Noon)

Place: Tribal Center in the Tribal  
Council Chambers

KBIC members are invited to attend.



PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR  
THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of August 2010.

- I attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Protect the Earth gathering at the Ojibwa Community College. Winona LaDuke gave the Saturday keynote speech. She talked about protection of the environment, sacred sites, and the importance of creating an energy policy.
- I attended a VOIGT task force meeting. Items on the agenda included:
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Wolf Conservation Strategy regarding gray wolf:
    - The service has undertaken a process to develop a comprehensive national strategy for ma’iingan conservation in the lower 48 states using a “structured decision making” process. Unfortunately, the service failed to inform tribes about this effort until the process was well underway. GLIFWC will continue to monitor the service’s efforts and explore how tribal consultation can be achieved in this ongoing initiative.
  - Wild rice update:
    - This year’s site surveys indicate a below average harvest on some lakes. Heavy rain events have been changing the status of water as the summer progresses. It appears that the rice season may begin about a week ahead of time on sites where water levels have not been raised by heavy rains.
  - VOIGT stipulation review meeting update:
    - The State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Tribes have been meeting to update the Model Code. Some of the updates reflect the Tribes of Wisconsin’s scientific understanding of the various resources in the ceded territory. I’ll continue to monitor these updates in Wisconsin.
- I received a copy of a letter to Governor Granholm from the U.S. Department of Interior’s Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Larry Echo Hawk.
  - He encouraged the Governor to work with the leaders of the 12 federally recognized Tribes in Michigan to ensure that State regulatory efforts related to sulfide mining are done with consideration for their impact on Tribal communities and reserved treaty rights. The Assistant Secretary also said he would assist in a tribal-state dialogue to ensure efforts to mitigate the potential negative impact of sulfide mining on Tribal communities are based on sound policy and science.
- I attended the annual Tribal employee picnic. This year the picnic was held at the L’Anse Golf Course. Everyone had a good time. Chi-miigwech to the picnic task force, they did an excellent job organizing this annual event.
- I signed a letter to Ms. Reta Jo Lewis, Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs, regarding the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous

Peoples. The Declaration will help Native Americans in several ways.

- First, it provides an internationally agreed-upon baseline for Indigenous rights, so everyone, especially Indigenous Peoples and governments, knows what their rights are and can form laws and policies that honor those rights.
- Second, the Declaration also can be used to influence the formation and implementation of government policies. It can help tribes inform government agencies about their responsibilities by supplying benchmarks for services.
- Third, the Declaration also will help governments and courts clarify and update the law. Many statutes are worded in ways that leave them open to interpretation — interpretation that often does not favor Native Americans. The Declaration provides explicit language detailing Native peoples’ rights which can inform a judge’s interpretation of the law and decision in the case.
- On behalf of the Tribal Council I submitted a nomination of Isabelle H. Welsh, Tribal Council Member, for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Tribal/Federal Workgroup.
- I worked on and turned in FY2011 budget to Assistant CEO Sarah Smith.
- I attended the annual Baraga County Community Foundation Golf fundraiser. This event was renamed in honor of Tony Selkey.
- I approved an extension of the four ten-hour work week at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center.
- I participated in a conference call with John Wernet, Executive Office of the Governor.
- I participated in a conference call with A. Harris regarding shipment of cigarettes.
- I approved moving forward with access to LEIN and NCIC through MSP. This will help us in doing background checks and accessing information for the purpose of titling vehicles.
- I signed a letter to Chairman Stanley Crooks from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community formally requesting a tour of a wind turbine and of their alternative energy systems. In addition to the tour, we requested their assistance in an overview of the successes and obstacles they have encountered in developing Green ideas for their tribe.
- We commented on the proposed renewal of a Renewal Operating Permit for the L’Anse Warden Electric Power facility in L’Anse, Michigan. By commenting, the Community seeks to ensure that the property, treaty, and other rights of the Community and its members are protected from any adverse impacts from the operation of the facility. The permit authorizes the facility to increase the amount of fines and bark and tire derived fuel and removes mill sludge and mill ash from the list of permitted fuels.
- Sales and Use tax meeting in St. Ignace with John Wernet and Walter Fratzke.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President



DRUG  
CONVICTION  
REPORT

Robert Herron, case # 10-083, controlled substance (sale – prescription pills) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

Sentenced on 07/07/2010 to:

- \$500 fine.
- 30 days jail, 28 days suspended, credit for 2 days served. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, if any.
- Six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with random drug and alcohol testing, and a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of PBT and drug testing.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
- Defendant is to perform ten hours of community service.
- Defendant is not to be on the Baraga or Marquette Casino property for the duration of his probation period.

Chad Tollefson, case # 10-049, controlled substance (sale – prescription pills) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

Sentenced on 09/14/2010 to:

- \$500 fine.
- Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
- 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, 60 days to be served on tether in lieu of jail because of his employment status. Any violations of tether/drug testing will forfeit the tether status, and the Defendant will serve the remainder term of his sentence in jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- Defendant is to report to the Probation Office on 09/17/2010 for testing. If this test is positive, Defendant will be required to report daily until further order of the Court.
- 12-24 months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
- Defendant’s physician is to be notified of his convictions.
- Defendant shall not be on the Casino property including the Pressbox through his probation period.

Chad Tollefson, case #10-050, controlled substances (sale – prescription pills) - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense

Sentenced on 9/14/2010 to:

- \$500 fine.
- 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, 60 days to be served on tether in lieu of jail because of his employment status. Any violations of tether/drug testing will forfeit the tether status, and the Defendant will serve the remainder term of his sentence in jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated. This sentence is to run consecutive to #10-049).
- 12-24 months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. (Concurrent with #10-049).



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

**Constitutional Committee –**  
seven (7) seats

Application due date is  
November 11, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

**Election Board –**  
two (2) seats

Application due date is  
January 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

Please submit an application (located in Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson’s office) by the due date to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President  
16429 Beartown Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908

**All Tribal Veterans’ Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!**



## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFornier, for the month of September 2010.

On September 1st, 25 plus persons from various departments and Council attended the "Native Plants in Restoration & Ethnobotany" workshop at the Hatchery. We all learned about native plants in our area, (and there are many), how to collect and propagate plants, cleaning and storing of seeds that may be used for food, art, medicine, etc... and about invasive species. This was very useful information as we begin to use our very own new, unique, greenhouse to grow and transfer plants to our Sand Point Project next year.

On September 8th, Council began the annual process of reviewing the FY 2011 budgets, and we have not completed the process.

On September 9th, there was a great community turnout for an evening dinner at the Land Use Management Plan meeting for future needs regarding the use of our Tribal lands and roads and proposed suggestions for walking/hiking trails, biking routes, and snowmobile and four-wheeler routes. Other issues for discussion included culturally sensitive areas, sustainability of natural resources, location of community services, housing, and recreational and business development.

Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews and I had the great privilege of leading the annual "Parade of Nations" in Houghton/Hancock on September 18th, as KBIC was the grand marshal. It was once again a great parade. On September 20th, William "Gene" Emery, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, myself, and staff attended the official ground breaking and blessing of the grounds ceremony for our new Early Childhood Education Center at the Ojibwa Community College.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefits Agency. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

The Task Force and volunteers now have been providing healthy fruit and vegetable trays for employees every week in September. Thank you to the WHIPP Task Force! Be watching for special events/healthful information every month.

On March 11 and 12, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed "Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining No. MP 01 2007" in the circuit court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral arguments/briefs were heard on June 2, 2010, regarding the request for a motion to dismiss/and a change of venue by Kennecott. A decision for these requests has still not been made by the judge. The final briefs were filed in Washtenaw Circuit Court regarding the Part 632 Mining Permit Case (including Eagle Rock) and the Part 31 Groundwater Permit Case on July 20th.

Miigwech and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous members and friends who have been taking care of Migi zii wa sin throughout the ages.

Please continue to tell/write your elected officials and everyone that the short term benefits of the proposed mine are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood and wild places due to the great potential for acid mine drainage. Also challenge your November

election candidates to address issues of sulfide mining, sulfide and uranium exploration, mineral rights, and landowner rights. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance."

**2010 NATIVE VOTE—EVERY VOTE COUNTS:** The KBIC and the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) encourage you to exercise your right to vote, not only in our Tribal elections (Primary election—October 30, 2010, General election—December 11, 2010) but all elections! With the heightened political participation of Native people, Indian Country has become an increasingly powerful voting bloc. We have made a visible difference in national, state, and local elections. The November elections are very important as 88% of the Congress is up for reelection, and this year Congress will be considering legislation that is vital to Indian Country's education systems, energy, natural resources, and many other issues. Voting for candidates who are committed to representing Indian Country will bring Tribal communities one step closer to fully realizing Tribal sovereignty. In Michigan, the American Indian and Alaska Native population makes up 1.25% of the State, and 1.12% of eligible Michigan voters according to NCAI. The 1st Congressional District is preparing for a competitive race as Congressman Bart Stupak (D) has announced that he will not seek reelection. Gary McDowell (D) is challenging Dan Benishek (R). We will also be electing a new governor. We urge you to also get your friends and family registered to vote as Monday, October 4, 2010, is the deadline for the State/General Elections on November 2, 2010.

Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Remember: "Indian Country Counts! Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings. The Drug Force Mission statement is: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring communities." The Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative was held on Saturday, September 25, at the Ojibwa Community College with our Tribal Police and Chris Gerard of the Weed & Seed Program. Seven pounds of unused prescription drugs were collected from our area with a total of 230 pounds collected from one-half of the five U.P. sites. On July 27th the hearing regarding random drug tests for enterprise employees was heard at Tribal Court with Judge Bradley Dakota. Additional briefs were filed within 30 days.

During September 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on September 11, 2010. This meeting is covered in the October 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held nine Special and Budget Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from Septem-

ber.

At the council meeting held September 2, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of April 23, 29, and May 6, 2010;
- Approved a donation of \$50 per person (16) for the Mackinac Island Women's Retreat;
- Approved Resolution KB 1771-2010 Title IV-B Subparts 1 & 2 grants for two years for Social Services;
- Approved to reconsider the Mackinac Island Women's Retreat motion;
- Approved a donation of \$100 per person (16) for the Mackinac Island Women's Retreat;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Joe Brazeau (Building Inspector);
- Approved the Services Agreement with Dominic Picciano;
- Approved the Daycare playground equipment bid for \$23,831 with Playworld;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Tami Lorbecke.

At the council meeting held September 8, 2010, budgets were reviewed.

At the council meeting held September 9, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a new business license for the Child Care Facility for the KB Ojibwa Community College;
- Approved a donation of \$125 for Tribal members to attend the Wild Rice Camp at Lac Vieux Desert on September 17-19, 2010.

At the council meeting held September 10, 2010, budgets were reviewed.

At the council meeting held September 16, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Tabled a services agreement request for use of the Four Seasons Hotel for the Ojibwa Community College until a meeting can be held regarding the proposed uses of the Four Seasons;
- Approved the comedy club contract with Funny Business Agency for the radio station;
- Approved a change order for the New Day Treatment Center flooring for Ojibwa Builders in the amount of \$12,945.45;
- Approved Christmas checks be given to those persons aged 18 years and over living in Baraga/Marquette counties as of October 1st;
- Defeated a donation request of \$1500 to the Woodland Singers to attend a powwow in California;
- Approved Negaunee Township to use up to \$10,000 from their reserved 2% allocation for a water holding tank to benefit the proposed airport casino and industrial district after a tie vote (President voted in favor);
- Approved a change to the Community Needs Assistance Program to allow up to \$1000 at the discretion of the President or three hotel rooms for three days for out of the area immediate family traveling here for a funeral (motion clarified at the September 23rd meeting);
- Approved a renewal business license for John Hebert/Hebert Construction;
- Approved the rental agreement for a cash cube money machine with Fun Industries, Inc. for the Baraga Casino's 25th Anniversary;
- Approved the service agreement with Linda Trudeau (Immersion Language teacher);
- Approved the renewal services agreement with Rose Trudeau (Immersion



- Language teacher);
- Approved the Baraga Casino's restaurant space lease agreement with Fadil Ibraimi from Weston, WI, effective October 1, 2010;
  - Motion to schedule the 3rd Reading of the Corporate Code for the first Saturday in November (11/6/2010).

At the council meeting held September 21, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to have the Education Department develop a scholarship program to cover the cost of education and then return to work for the Tribe to begin in the Fall of 2011;
- Approved the comedy club contract with Funny Business Agency for the Baraga Casino's New Year's Eve event;
- Approved the lease agreement for the Push-U-Win table game for the Baraga Casino;
- Approved the lease agreement for the 2-5-7 Poker table game for the Baraga Casino with the stipulation of adoption of the manufacturer's procedures.

At the council meeting held September 23, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Lake Superior Tree Farms to perform the work for the Sand Point Habitat Restoration in 2011 (mobilization, oversight, site prep, planting, irrigation) and offer the remaining work to in-house and Tribal contractors (cover/mound/top soils, boulders, trail extension);
- Approved AECOM to perform geoprobe drilling services to sample groundwater at the Power Dam Road property and the former Draper Lakeshore property for \$7,650;
- Approved the material and labor costs for the electrical work for the new Early Childhood Education Center from the Village of Baraga for \$27,047.26;
- Approved Resolution KB1773-2010 Co-op Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission;
- Approved Resolution KB1774-2010 Charles W. Gauthier Residential Lease;
- Approved Resolution KB1775-2010 Purchase Agreement for 40 acres on the Ford Farm Road for \$32,000;
- Approved the appointments of Jeanne Kauppila, Nanette Beck, Carole LaPointe, and Michelle Maki to the Youth Committee for two-year terms beginning October 1, contingent upon satisfactory security background checks;
- Approved an independent contractor agreement with Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor;
- Approved the amended and restated services agreement with Yvette Friisvall for the review of the Tribal Code;
- Approved to direct staff to prepare the business plan for the airport casino 2-part application, cost of construction from a firm, and obtain a reputable lender.

At the council meeting held September 27, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Budget review;
- Approved Resolution KB1777-2010 Co-op Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission with AARA Funds for road improvement projects on the Pequaming Road.

At the council meeting held September 30, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Motion to introduce the 1st Reading of Title 24, 24.4 Secured Transaction Ordinance and waived the reading;
- Approved the bid for the forced insulation blowing machine from AC Tool Company;
- Approved Resolution KB1772-2010 for

20 street maps of Baraga County from our GIS Services;

- Approved Resolution KB1776-2010 Title VI Part A&C funds to assist in providing supportive, nutritional, and caregiver services to older Native Americans;
- Approved a new copier bid from U.P. Office Equipment for the Hatchery;
- Approved a donation of \$5,887.75 for the 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFerner Memorial Walk—October 1;
- Approved the services agreement renewal with Stephanie Pinnow to provide data collection, analysis training, accreditation coordination, and related services for the health center;
- Motion defeated to table a donation request for the KB Ojibwa Housing Development Corporation for \$10,000 until the budget review is completed;
- Approved this donation for \$10,000;
- Approved to authorize the President to sign a letter for the Dorsey law firm to recoup our funding from the Indian Health Service for the Direct/Indirect contract support costs (from 2004);
- Approved to offer the TERO Director/Work Force Coordinator position to Brigitte LaPointe-Tolonen (after interviews).

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

### CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010

Review of the FY2011 budgets continued throughout the month of September. Department heads met with Council to go over their submitted budgets and plans for the upcoming fiscal year. We are hopeful that Council will approve budgets in early October.

In an effort to come into compliance with Federal EPA regulations regarding underground storage tanks, the Pines Convenience Center will need to suspend the use of unleaded 87 grade fuel for a period of four hours once per month. The testing performed by the stores electronic tank and lines monitoring system requires that no fuel move from the tanks during the four hour period. The store will continue to be open and offer premium grade gasoline during the testing which is scheduled to take place during the early morning hours of one Sunday per month.

The restaurant operations within the Ojibwa Resort operated by the Tribe closed effective with the close of the business on September 25th. A new operator, through a lease arrangement, has taken over. The restaurant was scheduled to reopen on Friday, October 1st but has been postponed until Monday, October 4th to allow enough time to retool and set up.

Bruce LaPointe, Project Manager, has indicated that the Tribe's Health Center construction and renovation project will not be completed on schedule. Several factors have lead to the delay which could not be overcome in a timely manner. The new completion date has been extended to late November to early December. Services provided at the facility will continue to be offered Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. to aide in completing the project.

Feasibility studies prepared by Gaming Market Advisors for options related to Casino Projects for the Tribe have been reviewed by Council. The CEO's office and staff are moving forward based on Council's directive to work on completing a business plan which will include construction costs and financing options. After the business plan is complete, it will be presented to Council for review and approval. The busi-

ness plan and casino design will be based on the feasibility studies recommendations.

The Tribe has also recently purchased property located near the Menards and Gander Mountain stores in Marquette. The property will be developed, and a gas station will be built there. The Tribe has been awarded a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant for \$600,000 which will go toward the construction costs of the new gas station. Bruce LaPointe and Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer, Jason Ayres, Reality Officer, and the CEO's office are working on the project. Other development ideas and options are being reviewed which will be brought before Council for consideration in the near future. The property purchased is the former Los Tres Amigo's restaurant.

The Tribe's Natural Resource Department suffered a very unfortunate loss of approximately 100,000 Lake Trout over the weekend of September 25th. Initial investigation into the loss by Todd Warner, Natural Resources Department Director, indicates that a loss of power supply to the fish rearing operations occurred. The operations have an alarm system that provides notice to a call center which immediately notifies staff via phone calls when a power loss occurs. It is not clear why the backup system failed and continues to be looked into. On September 30th installation of a backup generator and power switching mechanism was completed. Testing of the system by Cummins Diesel indicated the new system is working and should prevent any future power loss situations. Initial estimates for the loss are between \$100,000 and \$110,000. The loss has been reported to the insurance carrier, and a claim has been initiated. Todd has been in contact with nearby hatcheries, and it is hoped that they will assist in stocking activities until staff can raise new stock.

On September 28th, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO; Francis LaPointe, CFO; Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer; Paul DesRocher, Economic Development Committee Chair; and I met with Terri Fitzpatrick, VP of Tribal Business Development for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Terri provided an update to the MEDC's operations and activities which provide assistance to tribes regarding economic development. Our staff requested additional information which may aid in moving the Tribe's economic development plans forward. She will follow up with Gregg in the near future.

Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, will be providing her report to Council at the upcoming October 7th meeting. Several new grants have been awarded to the Tribe which includes a \$1M grant for the Natural Resources Department which we received word on yesterday. The details, which includes two new positions, will be included in her report.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.


Respectfully submitted,  
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

### Ojibwa Community Library News

The library has received a donation of 18 books for tweens and teen girls. A few titles are:

*Betrayed*, by PC Cast, *Violet on the Runway*, by Melissa Walker, *A Girl's Best Friend*, by Elizabeth Young, and *Brat Fest at Tiffany's*, by Lisi Harrison.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director





Chelsey LaFernier Walk continued:

gave some resounding words of hope and encouragement. Courtney Clisch gave two beautiful performances, one of which was a request by Chelsey's mother," Sissy's Song," by Alan Jackson, and "Angel," by Sara McClachlan. Closing included quilts, made by Dorothy Stephens, being presented to Chelsey's family, and Amber Weigel, Chelsey's sister, spoke briefly, followed by a feast.



Courtney Clisch, as she performs "Sissy's Song," a song selected by Chelsey's mother.



Ladies from the Women's Gimiwanotaageshimowin Survivor Group pose as they "Paint the Town Purple," with purple ribbons to remind the Community that domestic violence is a Community problem, and it is up to the Community to put an end to it. (L to R) Kim Klopstein, Nanette Beck, Jessica Maneke, Janice Shalifoe, Monica Kohn, Dorothy Stephens, and Cindy Curtis. Photo by Heather Wood.

# New Employees



Brigitte LaPointe has been hired as the TERO Director/Workforce Coordinator for the KBIC. Brigitte states, "I am excited to be back in the community and working for our people! I was previously working the past three years as Assistant Women's Basketball Coach for the Northern Michigan Lady Wildcats. I have an Associate's Degree in Physical Therapy from Finlandia University, a Bachelors of Science degree in Sports Science from Northern Michigan University, and am currently working towards my Masters Degree in Training, Development, and Performance Improvement-also from NMU. I am looking forward to working with our Tribal members and helping make the KBIC a more enjoyable place to live and work! "



Tom Lofquist has been hired as the Parks/Marina Caretaker. Tom is a KBIC member who was born and raised on the reservation. Tom's sons, Eric and Tim Lofquist, have also recently moved back to the reservation. Tom has been previously employed as a security guard with the Island Resort Casino and LacVieux Desert Casino. For the last few years, since he has moved back to the reservation, he has been employed as a security guard at the Baraga Casino. Tom also has experience in conservation work, construction, and grounds keeping. "I love to work outside and am glad to have the opportunity to work in this position."



Jason Dowd has been hired as the Certification/Warehouse Worker at KBIC Commodities. Jason is a KBIC member who was born and raised on the reservation. He has recently returned to the community within the last year after residing in Hannahville and Sault Ste. Marie. Jason is the son of Donny Dowd and Cecelia Chosa, and the father of Amber Holappa (age 12) and Kyle Dowd (age 9). Jason has ten years of experience as an OTR truck driver, making deliveries to and from warehouses. He was previously working as a temporary employee with KBIC Commodities since early August and recently was hired in the full time position. Jason states, "I'm adjusting to not being on the road for a full week at a time, and I am enjoying working with the community in my new position. In my spare time, I enjoy beading, and participating in powwows and other cultural events. I enjoy watching all sports, and I am a Packer and Red Wing fan."

DeAnna Hadden (left) and Dae Fawn Assinewe (right) have been hired as the KBOCC Custodial Personnel.



DeAnna is a KBIC member, born and raised

on the reservation. DeAnna is a KBOCC 2006 graduate in Liberal Arts. She has recently returned to KBOCC and will be graduating with a second associates degree in Environmental Science. She had transferred to NMU for one year previously and plans on returning to NMU in the future. DeAnna states, "I have been involved with AIHEC, AISES, and the student government while attending KBOCC. In High School, I participated in the International Club and traveled to Paris. I enjoy playing softball, hanging out with my nieces and nephews, and I am involved in community activities." Dae Fawn is a member of the Sagamok Anishnabek of Canada. She was raised in Sagamok, Ontario, Canada, coming from a big family. Dae Fawn came to this area to attend Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan, where she is a second year pre-nursing student pursuing a BSN in Nursing. Dae Fawn states, "I like it here and plan on staying in this area. I play softball on the Alston team, and enjoying hunting and outdoor sports. I like to travel and have been to Europe and South America."



2010 KBIC HARVEST FEAST



KBIC held the annual harvest feast on Saturday, October 16th, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. The event began with an honor song by Four Thunders Drum, followed by a blessing from respected elder, Myrtle Tolonen.

Many community members enjoyed an outstanding feast prepared by the KBIC Cultural Committee and community volunteers.



(l to r) Autumn Durant, Gloria Shalifoe, Janice Shalifoe, Ted Shalifoe, Ginny Ann Jermac



DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner



Nanette Beck is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for November. "As the Administrative Assistant of Youth & Family Services, Nannie has proven to be extremely knowledgeable and efficient. The frequency of patient "no shows" has been remarkably diminished since she began work in our office. Her work is fast with excellent ability to multi-task. Nannie is always willing to help in any situation. She has our patients' best interest at heart and shows it everyday. Perhaps, most importantly, Nannie is always very pleasant to work with."

Nannie received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Nannie!

Ojibwa Oral History Project OPEN HOUSE

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center is opening its doors to all Ojibwa Senior Citizens for a special Open House on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Tribal Literacy Center was awarded a grant last spring through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. After months of planning, the project is now able to begin piloting a unique oral history project designed by the KBIC Center to preserve the past while connecting with the future.

According to project director, Gail Juntunen, the "Dream Catcher Chronicles" project has multiple goals. "The primary goal of this



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## Deepest Sympathy

### Evelyn Holappa

June 21, 1920 - October 1, 2010

Evelyn Holappa, 90 of Zeba, MI, passed away on Friday, October 1, 2010, at Marquette General Hospital with her family at her side. She was born June 21, 1920, in Zeba, MI, the daughter of Samuel Lightfoot and Lucy (Blaker) Spruce. Evelyn was raised by Jacob and Margaret Duggan and attended the Zeba Foote School. She married Theodore Ernest "Ernie" Holappa on December 25, 1943, in Zeba. Evelyn was a member of the Zeba United Methodist Church, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and Ojibwa Seniors. She enjoyed quilting, crafts, sewing, and playing Bingo. Her family was very important to her, and everyone called her "grandma".

Surviving are her son, Ted (Peggy) Holappa of Kincheloe, MI; daughters: Peggy Dunn, Beverly Lussier, Diane Charron all of Zeba; Gerry (John) Mantila of L'Anse; brother, Ronald (Betty) Spruce of L'Anse; sisters: Eleanor Seppanen of Zeba and Rosemary Haataja of Pikes Peak; 14 grandchildren: Cheyenne Holappa, Eric Hemenway, Tashina Hemenway, JP Montano, Brenda (Wilson) Pipestem, Jason Dunn, Mitchell Durant, Jeffrey (Jackie) Minton, Toni Minton, Peggy Minton, Shawn Lussier, Kristin (Scott) Mantila Brown, Mick (Danielle) Charron, Tony (Nicole) Charron; 19 great grandchildren: Amber Holappa, Kyle Dowd, Justine Minton, Lakota Captain, Hunter Captain, Danika Strong, Hope Minton, Cody Blue, Dante Loonsfoot, Shiloh Lussier, Shyla Lussier, Shawna Lussier, Baby Bev Lussier, Scott Brown, Eddie Charron, Eva Charron, Parrish Pipestem, Truman Pipestem, Mataya Pipestem; and one great great grandchild, Kydan Dean; special friend and caregiver, Avis Leinonen; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Preceding her in death are her husband Ernest; brothers: Russell, William, Robert, Kenneth, Sam; infant Stephen, and Kenneth Spruce; and sister, Barbara Mantila.

Visitation began Monday, October 4th followed by a feast in the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Visitation continued throughout the night until the funeral service which was held on Tuesday, October 5th at 11:00 a.m.. Rev. John Henry officiated. A luncheon followed the services. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

### Leia May "Niish Migizi Kwe" Mix

December 1, 1983 - October 7, 2010

Leia May "Niish Migizi Kwe" Mix, 26 of Zeba, MI, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2010, at Marquette General Hospital following injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was born in Temple, TX, on December 1, 1983, the daughter of Otis Renfro and Victoria Shalifoe. Leia was deeply committed to the KBIC Evenstart Program. She was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Leia is survived by her loving family; children: Jaycell Eoff at home, Kaden Allen Mix of Zeba, Kenya Mix at home, and Keonna Mix of Zeba; father, Otis Renfro of Arkansas; mother, Victoria Shalifoe of Zeba; brother Johnny (Tara) Renfro of Rogers, Arkansas; and grandparents Richard and Gloria Shalifoe of Zeba.

Traditional ceremonies for Leia were held at 12 noon on Monday, October 11, 2010, at the Tribal Ceremonial Room, located at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga, MI, with the guidance of Paul Halverson. Visitation began at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2010, in the Tribal Ceremonial Room. The Reid Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

### Richard Charles Madosh, Jr.

April 19, 1950 - October 16, 2010

Richard Charles Madosh, Jr., 60, of (8) Ishwaaswi

Palmer, MI, walked on into eternal life Saturday morning, October 16, 2010, at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. He was born in Marquette, MI, on April 19, 1950, the son Richard C. and Elsie (Ketcham) Madosh, Sr. In May 1967, Richard entered the US Army, serving in Vietnam and receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Marquette where he married the former Pat Borchert. Soon after, the couple moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and then Algoma, Wisconsin, where Richard was employed as a welder in the ship building industry. During his years of employment, Richard traveled extensively with his work opportunities. In September 2009, having retired due to ill health, Richard returned to the Upper Peninsula, residing in Palmer. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and all that nature had to offer. His indoor activities included being an avid bingo participant, occasional trips to the casino, and being an excellent pool player. He took great pride in his American Indian heritage and was a gifted artist who created authentic Native American craftwork. He was well known on the powwow trail for his beadwork, hand crafted drums, jewelry, and anything that had to do with his heritage. He was always willing to teach and pass on the arts and culture of the past. Richard was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and American Legion Post #349 of Little Lake. He was a supporter of the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, other charities, and volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Society while residing in Sturgeon Bay. Locally, he helped support the Marquette County Humane Society and the Marquette St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Survivors include his children: Joseph Moore of Texas, Timothy Moore of Waupun, WI, Dylan Foster of Wisconsin, Jacob Madosh of Sturgeon Bay, WI, and Shawn Virlee of Wisconsin; his grandchildren: Alex Moore, Hunter Madosh, and Alexander Foster; and a soon-to-be expected great grandchild; his former wife, Pat Moore of Milwaukee, WI; his siblings: Dorothy Gove of Marquette, Linda (Harvey) Rabitaille of Harvey, Henry (Vickie) Madosh of Mt Pleasant, Madeline (Ron) McDaniels of Marquette, George (Cindy) Madosh of Ishpeming, Bernadette (Jeffrey) Sharp of Gwinn, Beverly (Craig) Girard of Gwinn, Sara (Mike Kangas) Remick of Harvey, Jacqueline (Dennis Liquia) Madosh of Palmer, Michelle Kohn of Ft Wayne, IN, and David Madosh of Palmer; his caregiver and friend, Todd Kangas of Suomi Location; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his faithful, furry, feline companion, Junior.

Visitation was held at the Fassbender Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, with graveside services held at the Holy Cross Cemetery with veteran's honors by American Legion Post #349 of Little Lake and a Native American ceremony. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

### J. Susan Presslein

September 8, 1940 - October 18, 2010

J. Susan Presslein, 70 of L'Anse, MI, went to be with the Lord on Monday, October 18, 2010, at her home with her family at her side. "Susie" fought a courageous battle against melanoma for the past nine years. She was born in L'Anse, Michigan, on September 8, 1940, the child of the late Judge F. Clyde Campbell and Judge Mae Elizabeth (Cosgrove) Campbell. Susie grew up and attended school in L'Anse, graduating from L'Anse High School with the class of 1958. She then attended Northern Michigan University, graduating with a Bachelors'

of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1962. Susie began her teaching career in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, at Shady Lane Elementary School. While residing in Wisconsin, she met the love of her life, Karl Presslein, Jr. Susie and Karl eloped to Las Vegas, Nevada, and were married at the Gretna Green Chapel on October 1, 1965. They recently celebrated their 45th Anniversary with their children, grandchildren, and good friends. Susie and Karl returned to L'Anse in the early winter of 1965. Susie taught the third grade at the L'Anse Elementary School known as the "Red School" and then at C.J. Sullivan Elementary when it opened prior to beginning her role as a mother. Seventeen years later she returned to teaching when her youngest child entered kindergarten. She taught sixth grade at C. J. Sullivan and then at L'Anse Middle School when it opened until her retirement in 2006. In addition to teaching Susie was a talented florist. At the prompting of Harry and Mary Whittum, Susie and Karl turned a large home on Third Street into a flower shop in L'Anse. Karl and Susie attended floral school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and then operated "The Green House" from 1966 until their retirement 2007.

She was a member of United Lutheran Church, alter guild, Sunday school teacher, KBIC, Ojibwa Seniors, Lions Club, Red Hats, Yooper Ladies, girl scout leader, parent taxi and supporter of her children's hockey, ballet, swimming, basketball, baseball, volleyball, summer camp, Odyssey of the Mind, and countless other activities.

Susie and Karl loved to travel, take wild road trips "just up to the next intersection" or in the Flower Power truck with friends and family, and spend time with their children, grandchildren, and close friends. Susie was known by many as the ultimate collector of the ladybug, the teacher who made history come alive, a parent who really was involved in the lives of her family and a person who cared about her community.

Susie is survived by her loving and attentive husband of 45 years, Karl, of L'Anse, MI; children: Stefan (Cheryl) Presslein of St. Michael, MN, Heidi (Heidi Jo) Presslein of Stillwater, MN, Trudi (Mark) Koskinen of Waterford, MI, and Erich (Tatum) Presslein of Zurich, Switzerland; grandchildren: Grace and Claire Presslein of St. Michael, MN, Karli and Morgan Koskinen of Waterford, MI; brother Frank (Lis) Campbell of Grand Rapids, MI; brother-in-law John (Carol) Presslein of West Palm Beach, FL; nieces/nephews: Robert (Trish) Campbell, Mark (Kristen) Campbell, MaiBritt (Joey) Hahn, Susan (John) Hetzel, Kathy (Wayne) Clemon, Lori (Ross) Hartwig, Mary (Ken "Red") Weninger, Neal Feller, Judy Greaker, Debbie (Roland) Whiting, Janet (Brian) Boettcher, Daniel (Paula) Presslein, Mark (Erin) Presslein; and many great (even great-great) nieces and nephews; exchange student son Reto (Aline) Gmunder of Biel, Switzerland and their children Max, Nina, and Elias.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 20th at the Jacobson Funeral Home with funeral services held on Thursday, October 21st at the United Lutheran Church, L'Anse. Rev. Peter Warmanen officiated. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

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## KBOCC Students Meet Writer of *Smoke Signals*

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College students were invited to the Michigan Tech campus to meet and have lunch with Sherman Alexie, writer of the screenplay for the movie *Smoke Signals*. Alexie, from Coeur d'Alene, entertained and educated students with his stories of growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Washington State while attending a mainstream school off the reservation. KBOCC extends a chi miigwech to both Sherman Alexie and Michigan Technological University for this opportunity.

~ submitted by Cherie Dakota, KBOCC



(l to r) Jamie Brotherton, Joseph Jacker, Sherman Alexie, Georgenia Earring, Raymond Cadreaus.

## James “Jay” Loonsfoot is Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College’s Liberal Studies Department Chair



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is pleased to announce that James “Jay” Loonsfoot will be leading its Liberal Studies Department. Liberal Studies offers two degree options, Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies

and Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies – Native American Emphasis.

Mr. Loonsfoot’s background, education, and wide-ranging experience give him an outstanding background for liberal studies. He was born and raised in Assinins and Beartown, Michigan, and graduated from Baraga High School. He has earned an associate’s degree from Suomi College, a Bachelor of Science in Education from Northern Michigan University, and a Master’s in Education from Antioch College in Seattle, Washington. His employment experience includes a 30-year career in the US Armed Forces, followed by employment with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as a game warden and by the Department of Interior in law enforcement and administrative positions. In addition, Jay Loonsfoot taught middle school for ten years in Washington, Massachusetts, and Michigan. He now teaches Native American History and Tribal Government at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. He also takes an active role in the community, including the KBIC Veterans, Ojibwa Seniors, and the Elections Committee.

Jay enjoys teaching young people about native culture. He says that all his life he wanted to be a teacher, and he did something about it. He is also a strong advocate for people to get an education, saying, “You’re never too old!”

~ submitted by Lynn Aho, KBOCC

## KBOCC Welcomes New Instructor — Jesse Koenig



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is pleased to welcome Jesse Koenig as a new instructor in Liberal Studies, teaching primarily in English. Jesse Koenig is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin—Washington County and Northern Michigan University where he earned a Bachelor’s degree. He holds a Master of Arts in English Language and Literature from Central Michigan University where he also taught English composition. Mr. Koenig enjoys art, creative writing, philosophy, the outdoors, and angry metal music. He and his wife, Karina, have been slowly building a house in the Baraga area for almost ten years. Koenig is also an active supporter of Gallery 325. After wandering in and out of the area, they—along with their four year-old daughter, Akira—are glad to finally be home, and they are proud to smell like wood-heat.

~ submitted by Lynn Aho, KBOCC

## KBIC YOUTH VISIT ROCK CORN MAZE

KBIC Youth traveled to Rock, MI, with 18 excited kids anxious to visit the Hayes Corn Maze. They had a lot to do there, including climbing and sliding down Hay Mountain, tractor races, hay rides, a rope maze, corn maze and hay maze, visiting Noah’s arc barn buddies, finding the perfect pumpkin in the pumpkin patch and shooting the not so perfect pumpkins at the haunted boat across the pond! Once they entered the corn maze, the search was on... The kids had to find the ten hidden stations in the maze to acquire ten different shaped hole punches for their cards which would gain them an entry into the \$100 cash drawing. Some were lucky enough to find them all but it was tough! After the big search, everyone was hungry and ready for a break. The group along with chaperones, Cheryne Clements (Youth Director), Brigitte La-Pointe, Paul Ekdahl and Nannie Beck, headed to Pizza Hut for a delicious dinner.



Picture by Nannie Beck.

Corn maze station (l to r) Kassidey Beck, Vanessa Beaver, and Victoria Durant.

## Research Conducted at KBOCC Shows Tribal College Benefits



Research by Carolee Dodge Francis based largely on interviews conducted in Baraga has been published as a monograph, *The Art of Looping Linear:: Perspectives from Tribal College Students and Faculty* (VDM Verlag, 2009, ISBN-10: 3639184491) Dr. Dodge Francis found that the tribal college provided significant educational advantages compared to state colleges and universities. A key conclusion of the research is that a tribal college gives Native American students a supportive, positive educational setting where they are insiders rather than outsiders. This supports development of their identity as Anishinaabe people as well as supporting their educational success. Students who participated in the study said they had more positive and caring relationships with their teachers at the tribal college than they did in state university settings. They also benefited from Native American content in their courses and in college wide events and activities.

Dr. Dodge Francis is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and Asst. Professor/Exec. Dir. of the American-Indian Research and Education Center at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Community Health Sciences. She chairs the Steering Committee of the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools project. In her twenty-five plus years of work in Native American health, Dr. Dodge Francis has frequently collaborated with youth and health projects at KBIC and with Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, most recently the Eagle Books Family Fun Fest.

~ submitted by Lynn Aho, KBOCC



Picture by Nannie Beck.

Hay Ride (l to r) Jaylin Shalifoe, Easton Clements, and Javon Shalifoe.



Picture by Nannie Beck.

Slinging pumpkins (l to r) Kassidey and Ashley Beck.





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- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
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21	22 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-1:00pm	23 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-4:00pm \$\$	24 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-1:00pm	25 Closed  Thanksgiving Day	26 Closed  Native American Heritage Day	27
28	29 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-1:00pm	30 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-4:00pm \$\$	Tuesdays are "Double Point" days for coming to class and doing TABE Testing, Goal Setting, or Pre/Post Testing			

## Ojibwa Oral History Project continued:

project is to provide educational service-learning opportunities to engage our program families in meaningful, intergenerational literacy activities designed to impact their lives and provide a valuable service to the community."

Juntunen adds, "It is our hope that the project will also make a lasting contribution to the oral history collection efforts of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. But, more importantly, we wish to facilitate cultural and family connections between our program participants and their community."

In addition to the tribal elders and seniors, project participants include the Cen-

ter's adult education students and their young children. Using state-of-the-art digital technology and standards-based instruction, families are beginning to preserve memories as they are passed down from one generation to the next. These oral records are being shaped into lasting family records with the aid of creative technology. Digital slide-shows and videos, scrapbooks, family trees, and preserved photos are only a few of the techniques that will be utilized. Together, KBIC Even Start students and community elders will have the opportunity to work together at preserving family histories for their own families and for the Tribal community.

The mission of the Dream Catcher

Chronicles is best stated in the words of Leia Renfro Mix, a graduate of KBIC Even Start. After interviewing her great-aunt, Leia created a video with lessons learned about the traditional Ojibwa "Four Sacred Medicines." "It is my hope that that the Fifth Generation can continue to teach the Four Medicines," she recorded. Tragically, Leia recently passed away. She has, however, left behind a wonderful gift for her three young children and the entire community through her contribution to the Dream Catcher Chronicles.

For more information on this Ojibwa oral history project or the KBIC Even Start Family Literacy program, call 906-353-8161.



Dear friends:

November is always a busy month. On behalf of the Northern Michigan University (NMU) Center for Native American Studies, I wanted to share some initial information with you in hopes that you can share widely and possibly try to attend some of the things that we have going on.

#### Native American Heritage Month

##### Monday, November 1

First-ever Kayndahsawin Academy for Native students in grades 6 – 12 will take place in Whitman Hall on the NMU campus from 6 – 8 pm. Various workshops on Anishinaabe Language, the Story Line Project, What to do after high school, and others will take place. Applications are now available (see link below). Limited to 24 students.

[http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/Components-Homepage/FINAL\\_Kayndahsaywin\\_Academy\\_Flyer-Registration.pdf](http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/Components-Homepage/FINAL_Kayndahsaywin_Academy_Flyer-Registration.pdf)

##### Friday, November 5

10<sup>th</sup> annual First Nations Food Taster. This is the annual fundraiser of the NMU Native American Student Association for their spring powwow. Tickets are \$12 in advance for the general public. The event is held in the DJ Jacobetti Center on the NMU Campus and runs from 5 – 8 p.m.

##### Monday, November 8

Father John Hascal will be a guest presenter in the Whitman Commons on the NMU campus at 7 p.m.

##### Thurs, Nov 11 – Saturday, Nov 13

Another College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy will be presented at NMU for Native American students in grades 10-12. Please share this below link widely with those (in grades 10-12) who might be interested in the upcoming College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy. Applications are now available. Limited to 40 students.

<http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/SiteSections/Calendar/mwa2010.shtml>

##### Tuesday, November 16

Film showing – There will be a film showing of UNREPENTENT at 7 p.m. at Jamrich Hall 103 on the NMU Campus. For more information on Kevin Annett and his experience, visit [www.hiddenfromhistory.org](http://www.hiddenfromhistory.org)

##### Tuesday, November 30

There will be a special viewing of the Zaagkii Project video vignettes. This potluck gathering runs from 4–7 pm (people can come as go as needed). The video vignettes will be shown at the Marquette Commons (Third St, just south of Washington St – there is a parking lot at the corner) in Marquette, Michigan.

Contact me with any questions you may have regarding these events. Chi miigwech (great thanks),

April E. Lindala, Director  
Center for Native American Studies  
Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, Michigan 49855  
906-227-1397 PH  
906-227-1396 FX  
[alindala@nmu.edu](mailto:alindala@nmu.edu)



To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail [newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov).

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Human Resource Department

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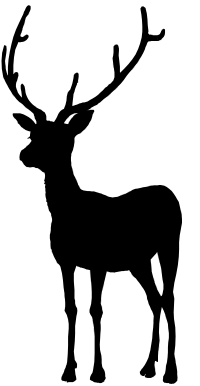
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## PRIZE DRAWING FOR HUNTER PARTICIPATION WITH CWD SURVEILLANCE

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be monitoring deer harvested in the 2010 hunting season for Chronic Wasting Disease. Deer heads from hunter harvested deer are sought for sample collection. Our goal is to reach 100 heads.



Funding for collection and processing is provided by Animal Plant Health Inspection Service. New this year, a **prize drawing** will take place for all participants. Prizes include a deer blind, ladder stand, GPS unit, binoculars, and snow shoes. One prize ticket is given for each head donated and up to two tickets per participant.

A staff member from KBIC Natural Resource Department is available to collect heads from Tribal Members at your camp location or place of residence (call 524-5757 x 18 for pick up). If you prefer to deliver the head yourself, drop off receptacles are located at: the back door of Indian Country Sports on Front Street in L'Anse, KBIC Natural Resource Department (Fish Hatchery) in Pequaming, at Pelkie Meat Processing in Alston, and Karvakko's Meat Processing in Tapiola. After hours drop off is available at the back door of Indian Country Sports and at the Fish Hatchery in Pequaming. If you drop off a head after hours, be sure to include your name/address/phone so that we can enter a prize ticket for you.

We appreciate your assistance to protect the health of our deer population. In the past three years about 200 heads have been tested and none were positive. Thank you for your continued support and participation. Prize drawings will take place in early January. If you have any questions, please call the KBIC Natural Resource Department at 524-5757 x19.

### Attention KBIC Members: Job Skills Assistance



The KBIC TERO Office is available to assist KBIC members who are applying for job positions. TERO can help you complete your application to ensure consideration for employment.

For the best chance to make sure your application is considered, it must be filled out **completely**. Most employers will not consider an incomplete job application.

TERO will be available during regular office hours in the Tribal Center (Monday-Friday) to assist KBIC Tribal Members in completing the application packet.



Please stop by or contact **Brigitte LaPointe** @ 353-4167  
OR  
E-mail [brigitte@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:brigitte@kbic-nsn.gov)

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### KBIC COMMUNITY 2011 CALENDAR



The Community is invited and encouraged to submit photographs for use in the ANA Language Program's Community Calendar for 2011. We are looking for both seasonal and historical pictures of Tribal members throughout the Community. The Elder Advisory Board will select the pictures that go into the calendar by consensus.

Please submit dates for birthdays, memorials, and anniversaries, and pictures by **November 12, 2010**, to: Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908, e-mail [gloonsfoot@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:gloonsfoot@kbic-nsn.gov), for call 353-6623, ext. 4178.

### November 2010 Calendars Events

**Nov. 5** — KBIC Constitution Task Force meeting, 10 a.m.

**Nov. 6** — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, held at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room

**Nov. 11** — Tribal Gov't offices closed—Veteran's Day

**Nov. 17** — Veterans meeting, 7 pm;

**Nov. 19** — KBIC Constitution Task Force meeting, 10 a.m.

**Nov. 25** — Tribal Gov't offices closed—Happy Thanksgiving

**Nov. 26** — Tribal Gov't offices closed—National Indian Heritage Day  
~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov) to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



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**ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS**

Stop by your TERO Office today and fill out a Job Skills Application for the Job Skills Bank!  
 The Job Skills Bank is a listing of available people looking for **job opportunities** and **training** on or near the reservation of the KBIC!

As a KBIC Member you have first priority for these opportunities so don't hesitate to get HELP!

Please contact Brigitte LaPointe, TERO Director with any questions!  
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- \* Cleaning person (part-time) — November 5th deadline
- \* Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- \* Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

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- \* Community Service Supervisor
- \* Unit Manager
- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Youth Program & Facility Attendant

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com).



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PRE-SORT STANDARD  
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**Marquette County  
 KBIC Senior Christmas Luncheon**  
 Sunday, December 5, 2010, 1 p.m.

**Wahlstroms Restaurant**  
 5043 US 41 South, Marquette, Michigan  
**KBIC Seniors and (1) one Guest**

**Menu:**  
 Carved Roast Beef  
 Carved Honey Ham  
 Herb Roasted Baked Chicken  
 Garlic Mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, rice, and a hot vegetable.  
 Tossed salad with dressing and toppings, variety of salads,  
 homemade bread, beverage, and dessert.

RSVP by calling Patti Brown (906) 273-0318, please indicate dietary selection on dessert if any.

Home deliveries available. If unable to attend and you would like it delivered to your home, please indicate so when you RSVP.

Rides are available to luncheon.  
 Arrangements can be made when you RSVP.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
 16429 Bear Town Rd-Baraga, MI 49908-9210



# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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Formally known as the GIKENDAAM CHIWIKWEGAMAG



## 15th ANNUAL SPIRIT OF THE HARVEST POWWOW



Newsletter photo.

Many Keweenaw Bay Indian members look forward to this annual powwow. Above: (left to right) dancers Sheena Halverson, Veronica Adams, and Jacqueline Beauchamp.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow was held on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the Student Development Center located on the Michigan Technological University Campus hosted by Michigan Tech/AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. Lori Muhlig, Assistant Director of CDI, Native American Outreach Coordinator and a KBIC member, led the organization of the yearly event. A Speaker's Forum was held on Friday, October 22, in the Memorial Union Building Ballroom on the Michigan Technological University Campus which featured speakers: Bethany Earl and Lane Jensen. Participants also were able to tour the Biological Science, Archaeological, and Forestry laboratories at Michigan Technological University.

Donald Chosa, Jr., Head Veteran Dancer, led the KBIC Color Guard for the grand entries held at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tim Loonsfoot served as the Head Male Dancer; Bethany Earl served as the Head Female Dancer; Jacob Swaney served as Head AISES Male Dancer; and Gabrielle Picciano (Miss Keweenaw Bay) served as Head Youth Female dancer. Drumming and songs were provided by Four Thunders who served as Host Drum and by Stone Boy who served as Co-Host Drum, along with invited drum Summer Cloud. Rodney Loonsfoot served as Arena Director, and Stanley Spruce kept things rolling along smoothly as Emcee. Specials included three hoop dancers and the Pink Shawl presentation. Dancers and participants enjoyed a spectacular feast be-



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Head Dancers: (Left to right) Bethany Earl, Tim Loonsfoot, Gabrielle Picciano, and Jacob Swaney.



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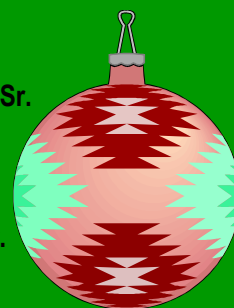
Donald Chosa, Jr., Head Veteran Dancer, and KBIC Color Guard lead the Grand Entry Procession.

tween grand entries. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a significant and proud sponsor of the Annual Harvest Powwow held at Michigan Technological University.

~ submitted by newsletter editor.

## Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
William E. Emery, Vice-President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer  
Toni Minton  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Jerry Lee Curtis  
Frederick Dakota  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Isabelle H. Welsh



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- November 6, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- 14th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow
- Primary Election Results/ General Election To Be Held
- Halloween Celebrations at KBIC
- Dakota To Provide Career/Job Services At KBOCC
- Gov't Employee Recognitions
- New Employees
- Ojibwemowin



Newsletter photo.

Hoop Dancer, Lane Jensen.



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Women's Traditional Dancers.



## NOVEMBER 6, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on November 6, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with William Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. The President's Report was given for October 2010 by President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (page three), the Secretary's Report was given for October 2010 by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page four), the Treasurer's Report for October 2010 was given by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO's Report was given for October 2010 by CEO Larry Denomie III (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for September 2010.

Council held the 3rd Reading Proposed Motor Vehicle Code for the purpose of Tilling 2010-04. **Motion by Fred Dakota to approve the proposed ordinance motor vehicle code 2010-04, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, (no vote). Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to introduce the substitute amendment for proposed motor vehicle code 2010-04, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, (no vote). Motion by Gary Loonsfoot to table the ordinance until a later date, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.** Council scheduled a second public comment hearing to review the substitute amendment for November 18, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, Tribal Center Building, Baraga, MI.

Council held the 3rd Reading Proposed Business Corporation Code 2010-06. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve the proposed Business Corporation Code 2010-06, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., (no vote). Motion by Eddy Edwards to table the 3rd Reading of the Business Code for one month to the first Saturday of December, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.** Council scheduled a review of the business code/work session for November 19, 2010, meeting.

Susan J. LaFernier brought forth a donation request for the L'Anse Yearbook, a full-page ad for \$175. The Baraga Yearbook donation was previously approved. It is the intention to include the KBIC graduating senior pictures in the ads. **Motion by William E. Emery to approve a full-page ad in the amount of \$175 in the L'Anse Yearbook, supported by Fred Dakota, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards brought forward discus-

sion on the Public Works Department to clarify his 10/28/10 motion. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to suspend the hiring of the Public Works Supervisor position until the development of an organizational chart to decide what positions are needed/required, is approved by the Tribal Council and then post those job descriptions that need to be posted, supported by William E. Emery, eight supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Debbie Parrish, OCC President, was on the agenda regarding Native American Month. In recognition of November being Native American Month, Gallery 325 has a display open throughout the month with many Tribal members' art being displayed. This month is National Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor Native Americans whose dedication, commitment, and accomplishments have contributed to the rich legacy of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. This month is especially important as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Ojibwa Casino. That celebration could not be complete without acknowledging Fred Dakota's role in starting Tribal Casino gaming on this reservation which has now spread across reservations throughout the states. Fred Dakota has dedicated his life to promoting the sovereign rights of Indian people. Fred was involved with the hunting and fishing in the 1960's that revived our sacred treaty rights. He was our leader in the 1970's when this tribe reasserted itself as a sovereign Indian nation by exercising powers of self government and self determination. In the 1980's, Fred opened the first full scale Casino in all of Indian Country. That bold move led to a legal battle with the state and federal governments paving the way for the multi-billion dollar Indian gaming industry which exists today. Fred's place in history as the "Father of Indian Casino Gaming" arose out of necessity and his dedication to the sovereign rights of Indian people. Like the modern day warrior that he is, he will continue that fight until tribal sovereignty is fully restored or until he draws his last breath. We are deeply honored to present this small token of our appreciation to Fred Dakota for his loyalty and devotion to the people of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. In honor of Fred, the College is establishing a scholarship in his name for our students to apply. Glenn Bresette, Sr. assisted Debbie Parrish in presenting a plaque which reads..."In celebration of National Indian Heritage Month and the 25th Anniversary of the Ojibwa Casino, we commend the Father of Indian Casino Gaming, Fred Dakota, in recognition of his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to preserve and to protect the sovereign rights of Indian people throughout the country. Dated 2010. Fred stated upon accepting the plaque, "There isn't anyone who does anything by themselves. It took some very strong Community leaders to make this stuff happen. You have to have foresight, and you got to truly believe in what you are doing. Sometimes you get kicked to the curb and sometimes you don't. And of the times that it works, it is well worth the effort. So if you have a strong commitment, you have a strong feeling of doing something for your community, I encourage you to do it. I'm really honored to be here, and thank you all very very much."

Council adjourned with no further action.

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor

## OCTOBER 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

Activities Reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of October 2010. Treasurer's report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

Christmas checks were approved for distribution on November 22nd and November 23rd (Marquette) in the amount of \$1400 per eligible Tribal member. The fiscal year 2011 budget has been approved which includes the creation of seven new full-time jobs and five new part-time jobs. Also included in the budgets is a sizeable amount of money for slot and facility upgrades to both of our Casinos and additional funds for upgrades to a few other Tribal buildings including a new roof for the lighthouse. Within the past couple of months alone, the Community was awarded numerous grants for various Tribal programs. The total amount awarded recently totals over \$3,870,000. Great job to the grant writing staff and all of those involved.

Recently the Tribal Council had donations which included: over \$5000 in sponsorship for the Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk; a \$10,000 donation to a local Indian non-profit group — a certified community financial development institute, the donation will be used to assist Tribal members through individual development accounts and will match Tribal member's savings for business start up, expansion, or for home ownership. The Council also donated \$2,500 for a Christmas Dinner for the seniors in Marquette, \$8,000 for the Michigan Tech Powwow, and \$5,000 for the Marine Corp's Toy for Tots program. There were a few other donations, but those include the highlights. The senior and disabled Tribal member's monthly stipend has been increased from \$200 to \$225, and the Youth Activity Fund for Tribal members and the children of Tribal members has been increased from \$125 to \$250 per year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

## OBJIWA CASINO HOLDS 25TH ANNIVERSITY

The Ojibwa Casino celebrated its 25th Anniversary on 11/6/2010 - 11/13/10 when \$25,000 was awarded to Janet Renehan. The casino offered a wide variety of entertainment: from comedy shows, motel specials, poker, cribbage, and slot tournaments. Each day they gave away \$250 every hour, starting at noon.

Trying something new, they had drawings for a chance at the ticket machine. This was how customers could earn extra slips; catching them in the air and putting them in a box provided in 30 seconds.

The casino also offered a variety of hors d' oeuvres and champagne for their guests. The event was a huge success and they packed the place with only standing room available. It was a wonderful and exciting time for all.



KBIC Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz congratulates \$25,000 Grand Prize Winner, Janet Renehan.



Left to right — Debbie Parrish, Fred Dakota, Glenn Bresette, Sr.



PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR  
THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of October 2010.

- Council members Dakota, Curtis, Mayo, and I attended an event sponsored by the Grand River Enterprises in Las Vegas. Larry Denomie, CEO, attended this event as well. We were able to meet a number of individuals who exercise their sovereignty through the sale of cigarettes. It was an opportunity to meet Tribal entrepreneurs, council members, and others to collaborate and continue to meet the needs of their Tribal members. We attended a legal update seminar and learned how to protect this revenue stream which is not only important to the Community but others in Indian Country.
- I met with Timothy LaPointe from the Department of Interior. We talked about the Tribe’s trust accounts they administer on behalf of the Tribe. He was seeking input to update a list of Tribal members. I told him we would provide the requested information. I then forwarded the list to our enrollment officers to help accomplish that task.
- I attended a bi-monthly department head meeting held in the Ojibwa Resort Conference Room, earlier in the month of October.
- I attended a VOIGT Task Meeting which was also held in the Ojibwa Resort Conference Room in October.
- The Council reviewed a Memorandum Agreement with the Community’s College. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community supports the College’s continued efforts to obtain initial accreditation from the higher learning commission within three years from the date of the acceptance of the agreement. The fitness center will be operated by the Community and will allow the college students, free of charge, to utilize the gym and fitness center. The agreement was forwarded to the College’s Board of Regents for their review and passage.
- The Community held its’ annual Harvest Feast at the Community Center.
- October was Domestic Awareness Month. To increase awareness the Community held its’ 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk. A number of people gathered to draw attention for the continuing need for the movement to end violence against women. As a Community we must endeavor to protect survivors, bring offenders to justice, and change attitudes that support such violence.
- The Council decided to reconvene the Constitutional Task Force. They had their first meeting on Friday, October 22nd.
- I met with officials from the Michigan Gaming Control Board at the Tribal Center. The purpose of the meeting was just to meet and greet staff. We didn’t have an agenda, and they were able to meet with the general managers, the CEO, and others here in the gaming industry.
- I attended a couple Gaming Commis-

sion meetings during the month of October.

- I was interviewed by TV6 on October 19th. I talked about a recent purchase of a former restaurant property on US41 in Marquette Township, the Three Amigos. I updated them on our two-part application of the relocation of the Casino from the Chocolay to Negaunee. I also mentioned our business code, wind monitoring grant, municipal waste transfer station, the fish hatchery, and the renovations being done at the health clinic and the early childhood education center. I also spoke of how Indian gaming was started right here on the L’Anse Reservation; how it is a sovereign right inherent in Tribal government; and how it was developed from small operations ran by dedicated Tribal members here in this room and on the L’Anse Reservation. The work we do here brings many benefits to the local community and the KBIC Community, including the creation of jobs and other forms of economic development that are created by gaming. I informed them we use the money to fund Tribal government services, operations, and programs; promote the general welfare of our Community members; promote Tribal economic development, health care, police and fire protection; infrastructure and housing of our Tribal members; and also make charitable contributions to the community. Without Indian gaming, we wouldn’t be as self efficient as we are. Indian gaming has not only helped the local communities here in Baraga and Marquette, but Indian Country all over the United States.
- I participated in a consultation with the Department of Interior regarding off-reservation gaming at the Mystic Lake Casino in Minnesota. We were able to meet privately with Interior officials to discuss moving our two-part application forward this year to move our Casino to Negaunee at the old airport.
- I attended a special Education Committee meeting. They had some concerns, and they are currently working on drafting a letter addressing these issues with our schools.
- Yvette Friisvall finished her review of the Tribal Code book. We will look at her notes and prepare it for printing in the near future.
- The Council approved the Fiscal Year 2011 budget, and this includes a 3% raise for employees.
- I participated in a conference call with the United Tribes of Michigan. The purpose of the call was to consider and discuss a resolution seeking additional federal funding for Indian Education in Michigan. The discussion focused on how this would impact the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. It seemed supporting this resolution may have a negative impact on the waiver. The resolution was not passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

COLLEGE GRADUATES

The Education Dept. is pleased to announce two additional KBIC college graduates for the 2009-10 academic year.

Emily Emery received a Bachelor’s Degree in Hospitality Management from Northern Michigan University at the end of the Summer 2010 semester.

Sara Mantila Roosa received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Purdue University at the end of the Spring 2010 semester. Her major was Biomedical Engineering. She is currently a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Indiana University.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
PROGRAM ON  
INDIAN RESERVATIONS

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\*  
FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED  
STATES AND ALASKA  
(Effective October 1, 2010)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each addi- tional member	+ \$312	+ \$390

\*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

**Dependant Care Deduction** — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

**Earned Income Deduction** — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

**Child Support Deduction** — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

\* **Cannot be on food stamps.**

PLEASE BRING BOXES, CRATES,  
BASKETS, ETC...

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS,  
GENERAL ELECTION  
TO BE HELD

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Primary Election on Saturday, October 30, 2010, for the Baraga District with the following results:

Fred Dakota (Inc.) 124 votes,  
Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.) 116 votes,  
Charlotte Loonsfoot 18 votes,  
Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. 52 votes,  
Marilyn “Molly” Loonsfoot 41 votes,  
Dominic J. Picciano, Jr. 33 votes,  
Kerry Picciano 24 votes,  
Donny Shalifoe, Sr. 67 votes

Fred Dakota (Inc.), Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.), Donny Shalifoe, Sr., and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. have secured the required votes to be placed on the General Election Ballot. The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010, with a ballot of:

**L’Anse District:**

Jean Jokinen  
Michael LaFernier, Sr. (Inc.)  
Toni Minton (Inc.)  
JoAnne Racette

**Baraga District:**

Fred Dakota (Inc.)  
Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.)  
Donny Shalifoe, Sr.

**Associate Judge:**

John Davis  
Violet Friisvall Ayres (Inc.)



## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of October 2010.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: "Indian County Counts," "Our People, Our Nations, Our Future."

Thanks to all who participated in the 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk on October 1st to honor her memory and recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Do not forget the toll of domestic violence in our communities near and far. There is great coverage of the event in the November newsletter. On October 6th, I attended a library site visit with staff and Allison Freese, Ph.D., Senior Program Officer, Native American Library Services with the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Our library is very impressive and please visit if you have not recently as they have something for everyone. I also attended the governmental department head meeting on October 19th.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefits Agency. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

The Task Force and volunteers will be providing healthy luncheons in November and December, and will begin the "Maintain, Don't Gain Challenge" also in November and December, especially for the holidays. Be watching for the details on the weight loss program for the new year. Thank you to the WHIPP Task Force! Be watching for special events/healthful information every month from the WHIPP Task Force and our health clinic (the new year calendar of all these events will be coming in December).

On March 11 and 12, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed "Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining No. MP 01 2007" in the circuit court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. There may possibly be a hearing in January 2011 and the request by Kennecott to change venue and dismiss the case may be decided by the judge at that time.

Miigwech and our appreciation to all of our brave, courageous members and friends who have been taking care of Migi zii wa sin throughout the ages.

Now is the time to tell/write your elected officials and everyone that the short term benefits of the proposed mine are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood, and wild places due to the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance."

**If you voted October 30th and November 2nd, GOOD JOB! 2010 NATIVE VOTE—EVERY VOTE COUNTS:** The KBIC and the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) encourage you to exercise your right to vote, not only in our Tribal General Election which is December 11, 2010, but in all elections! We urge you to get your family and friends registered to vote if they are not already. With the heightened political participation of Native people, Indian Country has become an increasingly powerful voting block. We have made a visible difference in national, state, and local elections. Congress will be considering legislation that is vital to Indian Country's education systems, energy, natural resources,

and many other issues. Voting for candidates who are committed to representing Indian Country will bring Tribal communities one step closer to fully realizing Tribal sovereignty. In Michigan, the American Indian and Alaska Native population makes up 1.25% of the State, and 1.12% of eligible Michigan voters according to NCAI.

Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families, especially on November 11 — Veteran's Day. Also remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States during November Native American Heritage Month (see President Obama's Proclamation). We also wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

We invite everyone to attend our Baraga Casino's 25th Anniversary Celebration November 6-13, 2010. There are special events being held every day.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings. The Drug Force Mission statement is: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring communities." On July 27th the hearing regarding random drug tests for enterprise employees was heard at Tribal Court with Judge Bradley Dakota. Additional briefs were filed within 30 days.

During October 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on October 2, 2010. This meeting is covered in the November 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from October.

At the council meeting held October 7, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Mary L. Jossen's Service Agreement for the Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk meal and directed the CEO to train on the proper forms;
- Approved the funeral benefit increase from \$3000 to \$4000 effective October 1;
- Approved the Table Games Manager position job description;
- (After interviews) approved to have a secret ballot to vote for the Park/Marina Caretaker position;
- Motion to offer the Park/Marina Caretaker position to Tom Lofquist;
- Approved adding first cousins, and great and great-great nieces and nephews to the Community Needs Assistance Program effective October 7th (for funded medical travel assistance);
- Approved the First Amendment to the Consultant Agreement with Professor Steven E. Nelson, J.D., Ph.D. for one year ending on September 30, 2011, for \$7500 (Weed and Seed Program);
- Approved the American Wind & Energy Group, LLC for \$76,970 plus expenses (for wind monitors);
- Approved the purchase, installation, and services agreement with the Seventh Generation Energy Systems, Inc. (for wind monitors);

- Approved the services agreement with James Otto Vollmar, R.Ph. from September 1, 2010—January 30, 2011 (pharmacy setup);
- Approved the 2010-2011 budgets and approved a 3% raise for employees effective on their anniversary date.

At the council meeting held October 18, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the May 8 and May 13, 2010 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the LacVieux Desert Band—KBIC—USDA Forest Service Ottawa National Forest MOU regarding the LVD—L'Anse Trail Corridor Plan;
- Approved to table the approval of the KBOCC MOA for further review by the college;
- Approved to direct staff to invite Vince Rose (Blue Cross and Blue Shield rep) to present a summary of the Tribe's MEBS program for the first six months;
- Approved the purchase requests with American Wind & Energy Group, LLC for \$15,690 and Seventh Generation Energy Systems, Inc. for \$33,300 (wind monitoring);
- Approved Resolution KB1780-2010 Correctional Facilities Advisory Board (to study the needs for a correctional/detention facility on Tribal lands);
- Approved Resolution KB1779-2010 ICDBG Public Facilities and Improvement Project-Waterline Application (for Brewery, Vuk, Dynamite Hill Roads);
- Approved a donation of \$4030 for the 2011 Community calendars;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Joseph Eve for the Title 31 Training for \$11,400 (Baraga/Marquette Casinos);
- Approved a donation of \$200 for the "Howl-O-Scream Haunted House at the Whirl-I-Gig on October 29, 2010 (youth benefit);
- Approved the 2010 Christmas Gift Check guidelines;
- Approved the Christmas Gift Check in the amount of \$1,400 for those 18 years or older in the designated areas;
- Approved an additional \$25 per month to the Senior Pension/Disability payment effective November 1;
- Approved to transfer the Human Resource Department and Cage supervision to the General Manager (Casino);
- Approved the Gaming Commission Secretary from part-time to full-time;
- Approved an amendment to the Sovereign Student Fund policy adding Gogebic County and the Bay Mills Immersion students.

At the council meeting held October 21, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the bid from Copper Country Ford for a 2011 Plow Truck for \$28,250 (for the Parks/Marina Caretaker);
- Approved Resolution KB1781-2010 Transfer Myrtle H. Tolonen's residential lease to Cheryl L. Denomie and Donald K. Denomie;
- Approved Resolution KB1782-2010 Fred J. Cote residential lease;
- Approved Resolution KB1783-2010 Charles W. Gauthier residential lease modification;
- Approved Resolution KB1784-2010 renew and add Brandy L. to Thomas E. Chosa Jr.'s recreational lease;
- Approved the effective date for the Sovereign Student Fund amendment (motion 10-18-10) as October 1st Fall semester;
- Approved the removal (2 Wizard of Oz)



- and installation (2 Monopoly Advance) of the participation games in Baraga and Marquette properties;
- Approved the Marketron proposal for the visual traffic suite contract and a one-time fee of \$745 for each radio station (for training, installation, etc);
  - Approved the Christmas/New Year's holiday's as December 23, 24, 27, 30, and 31;
  - Defeated a motion to approve the reclassification of Arlan Friisvall;
  - Approved a 3% raise and the reclassification of Arlan Friisvall to a Grade 11;
  - Approved a 3% raise and the reclassification of Amy St. Arnold;
  - Approved a 3% raise and the reclassification of Debbie Picciano to a Grade 11.
- At the council meeting held October 28, 2010, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the amendment to the KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund to raise the reimbursement to \$250 effective October 1st — students can use the \$250 for educational travel purposes each year; and to reduce the Tribal Council donation budget (transfer to youth fund);
  - Defeated a motion to give \$500 to Jacob Haapapuro and Margarita Nieskes for MTU AISES travel to Albuquerque in

- November;
- Motion to schedule the 2nd Reading for the Secured Transaction Code for November 18th;
  - Approved the bid from Houghton Power Sports for (2) 2010 Ski-Doo 800R Backcountry Snowmobiles; (2) 2008 Sea Doo GTX 215 w/trailer; (2) 2011 Can-Am ATV's; and a Triton Trailer for \$68,300 for the Tribal Conservation Department from the COPS grant;
  - Approved Resolution KB1786-2010 Mitchell L. Bolo recreational lease;
  - Approved Resolution KB1787-2010 Lynelle S. Sutherland recreational lease;
  - Approved Resolution KB1788-2010 Purchase Agreement for 80 acres or less on Beesley Road for \$72,000;
  - Approved the October 2010 donations to: Bethel Church (Annual Thanksgiving Dinner) \$200; Marine Corps League — (Toys for Tots) \$5000; March of Dimes \$500; Baraga High School full page yearbook ad \$170; Jacob Haapapuro and Margarita Nieskes MTU AISES travel \$250 each; and Eden Farm Animal Sanctuary (Aura) \$500 — for a total of \$6870;
  - Approved to table the approval of Resolution KB1785-2010 FY2011 Forest Management Deduction (10%) Account

- Expenditure Plan for more review;
- Approved the site location for the wind power (anemometer) test site/study at Assinins;
  - Approved to have our attorneys work with the State of Michigan on the Sand Point site for future projects;
  - Approved the annual U.S. Department of the Interior—U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement and KBIC for (3) stream gauges on the Yellow Dog River and Salmon-Trout River;
  - Approved the First Amendment to Services Agreement with Orchid Cellmark, Inc. effective November 1st (Child Support Department—testing rate lowered);
  - Approved using the Tubcraft building for the new Public Works Department, develop the job descriptions (Tribal Construction employees) and post the positions;
  - Approved the wage increase for the Interim Police Chief;
  - Approved a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to issue the documents from open session and public documents regarding the tobacco ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

## CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010

The FY2011 budgets were approved by Council on October 7th. Employees were provided with a 3% raise at the end of the budget review process which has been considered very gracious by many employees, including myself, and we thank the Council for it. Every department has received a copy of their approved budgets.

On October 1st, I traveled to Marquette with Arlan Friisvall, Maintenance Director, to walk though the recently purchased property which is the former Los Tres Amigos restaurant. The building had been reported to have been broken into by our Tribal Police officer stationed in Harvey. Windows were broken and one door had been left open on the backside of the building. It didn't appear that any other damage to the interior of the building occurred. The building has been secured. David Haataja, General Manager of the Ojibwa Casino in Marquette, and the Tribal Police officer provide routine checks on the property.

Work continued throughout the month on the development of a new casino project for the former airport location in Negaunee. Information needed to complete the land-to-trust application as well as the two-part application was worked on by staff. Initial cost estimates for construction were sought from three firms which were based on the feasibility study provided by Gaming Market Advisors. To aid in the preparation of the business plan, which includes projected financial analysis, we met with two banking institutions to see financing rates. Once we have completed the business plan, we will meet with Council to review its details.

On October 6th, Alison Freese, Project Director from the Institutes of Museum and Library Services visited the area and met with library staff, myself, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, Jean Jokinen, KBIC Grant Writer, Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, and Susan LaFerner. The Tribe received a \$133,000 grant from the institute, and Alison was visiting the area along with other Tribes in the regions.

During the week of October 11th, I traveled to Las Vegas along with Trish Gerard and Suzy Kahkonen, Pines Management, and four Council members to attend the Seneca Gala & Conference. Information relating to the recently passed PACT Act was shared. Grand River Enterprises of Canada provided entertainment as part of their giv-

ing back to their customer's campaign.

On October 20th, President Swartz, David Haataja, General Manager of the Marquette Casino, and Robert Mudd, General Manager of the Baraga Ojibwa Casino Resort, met with Rick Kalm and John Page, Executive Director and Deputy Director of the MI Gaming Control Board. The meeting was to allow them to introduce themselves and provide insight as to their perspectives and roles of the board. It was made clear that they intend to limit their involvement to ensuring the compact is followed. It was pointed out by David that past visits by staff of the board were not pleasant and unwarranted. Mr. Kalm indicated that the individual was no longer with them and visits to our locations will be minimal as we had not had any issues to warrant excessive visits.

Our office has been involved in the development of the Ojibwa Community Colleges Memorandum of Agreement development for FY2011. The agreement continues to be worked on between the Council and Board of Regents, and it is hoped that finalization will occur mid-November. The agreement provides annual funding to the college by the Tribe for their operations.

The WHIPP Task Force has planned a two month event for November and December. "Maintain Don't Gain" is the theme, and the challenge is to have employees survive the delicious eating opportunities presented to them during the upcoming holidays. Each participant will weigh-in on November 8th and weigh-out in early January 2011. If employees manage to maintain their weight or lose weight, they are entered into a drawing to win prizes.

In a final note, I need to let you know that required reports to agencies for grants have been filed late for the quarter and year ending September 30th. Our office is dealing with the situation and will be taking necessary steps to ensure the problems that caused the late reporting are identified and plans are developed to ensure future reports are filed on time. Late reporting does have a negative impact on the Tribe's ability to receive future grants.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

## New Employee



Newsletter photo.

Tyler Larson has been hired as the Victim's Advocate. Tyler states, "I am excited to be working with the KBIC once again. My past experience working here with the Police and the Youth has been

good, and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to help people in our community. I am looking forward to my position as the Victim Advocate and excited to be working with the partners affiliated with the position. I have a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Michigan University and am currently working on another Bachelor's in Sociology.

On a personal note, I have a four-year old daughter, Jaycee, and I enjoy being active playing all sports and taking advantage of the four seasons."

Tyler can be reached at the Youth & Family Services Department, Donald La-Pointe Medical Facility, Baraga, Michigan, or by calling 353-4570.

### ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Board has vacant seats:

**Election Board –**  
two (2) seats

Application due date is  
January 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

Please submit an application (located in Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson's office) by the due date to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President  
16429 Beartown Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908

### Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Drawing

Thursday, January 20, 2011

1st prize — 42" Vizio Television

2nd prize — Quilt

3rd prize — \$25 gift certificate (Seniors' Gift Shop or Bingo)

Tickets \$10, need not be present to win.

Tickets can be purchased at Ojibwa Senior Center or from an OSC member.



## If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA,

### You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

#### Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you either:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

#### What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

#### What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

**Track A** – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

**Track B** – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

**USDA Loan Forgiveness** – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

#### How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

#### What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

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**For More Information: 1-888-233-5506 [www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com)**



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS AT KBIC



Newsletter photo.

Winners, age category zero-two, homemade: (Left to right) Jace Chosa, Katheryn Cadeau, Mason Spruce.



Newsletter photo.

Winners, age category zero-two, store bought: (Left to right) Mathew Stein, Autumn Durant, Shayla Elmlad.



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Winners, age category three-five homemade: (Left to right) Dallas Moulden, Kaitlyn Smith, Bryan Cadeau.



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Winners, age category three-five store bought: (Left to right) Makayla Smith, Georgia Lofquist, Kayant and Keyden Goodbird.



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Winners, age category six-eight homemade: (Left to right) Aleah Gauthier-Moulden, Steele Jondreau, Jason Kinnunen.



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Winners, age category six-eight store bought: (Left to right) DySean Allen, Jeani Jaye Aho, Alicia Stein.

KBIC Youth Program held their Halloween Celebrations on Saturday, October 24th, at the Niiwin Akeea Center, Baraga, Michigan. The Youth party began at 12 noon where the kiddies enjoyed a delicious meal, games, treats, prizes, and pony rides. A teen dance was held later in the evening for grades seven and up. Music was provided by D.J. Express and all teens in attendance were eligible to win prizes.

The Marquette area youth party was held at the community center in Harvey, Michigan on Sunday, October 24th. Pumpkin decorating earned youngsters prizes along with the costume judging contest. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal, treats, prizes, and everyone took a pumpkin home with them.



Newsletter photo.

(Left) Grandma Patti Maki enjoys time with granddaughter Aaliyah Maki-Hoskins. The young lady (right) definitely enjoyed the pony rides.



Newsletter photo.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Welcome snowmobilers!

  
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Winners, age category nine-eleven: (Left to right) Mason Vokoviak, Preston Smith, Sonny Tolonen.



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Winners, age category nine-eleven: (Left to right) Mathew Beck, Jailyn Shelifoe, Luther Hebert.



Youth Program photo

Age category teens: (Left to right) 3rd place—Tashina Emery-Kaupila, 2nd place—Ashley Beck, 1st place—Nicole Maki.

Marquette Halloween Party



Carrie Ashbrook photo

Mouserrific... Russell Bess.



Carrie Ashbrook photo

Zioe Hamalainen.



Carrie Ashbrook photo

The Fontaine family... Christine, Rion and Anen.



Carrie Ashbrook photo

Planning the face... for a prize, Renee and Aden Hamalainen.



Carrie Ashbrook photo

Pirate Matthew Rabitaille.



Carrie Ashbrook photo

(Left to right) Mathew Rabitaille, Landon Spade, Talon Peterson, Emma Spade, and Chance Rabitaille.



Carrie Ashbrook photo

(Left to right) Kayla Herron, Mackenzie Seymour, Cheyenne Cass, Star Edwards, Jesse Cass, Vanessa Rabitaille, Shawn Seymour, Andre Hamalainen.



Youth Program photo

Everyone takes turns trying to win a prize in the cake walk.

Marquette winners

Age category zero to two-year-olds:  
1st—(Minnie) Hannah Harvala,  
2nd—(Lion) Braydon O'Dovero,  
3rd—(Dog) Anen Fontaine.

Age category three to five-year-old:  
1st—(Pirate) Matthew Rabitaille,  
2nd—(Tiger) Rion Fontaine,  
3rd—(Storm Trooper) Talon Peterson.

Age category six to eight-year-old:  
1st—(Witch in Orange) Justina Beck,  
2nd—(Witch in Red) Zioe Hamalainen,  
3rd—(Storm Trooper) Dale Madosh.

Age category nine and up:  
1st—(Tiger) Mackenzie Seymour,  
2nd—(Star) Star Edwards,  
3rd—(Mobster) Jesse Cass.

OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES...



Youth Program photo

(Above) KBIC Youth held a pumpkin decorating night at the Niiwin Akeea Center on October 24th. Many families attended the event.

(Left) KBIC Youth painted Garbage Cans for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The cans were distributed to different Tribal Offices and put out for Pop Can collection to help raise money for the OVW Support Group.

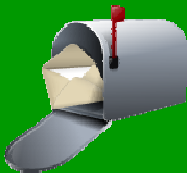


Youth Program photo



**All Tribal Veterans' Meeting** at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!

To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.



To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail [newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov).

Ojibwa Community Library News

A note of explanation for those of you who tried to use the library during the week of Nov. 8th. I was off Nov. 8th and 9th, my assistant Kathy opened the library at 2:30 p.m. There is a calendar posted on the door giving you any opening changes that may occur during the month.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



DAKOTA TO PROVIDE CAREER AND JOB SERVICES TO KBOCC STUDENTS



On October 5, 2010, Cherie Dakota, Dean of Student Services for Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, completed Career Development Facilitator (CDF) Training at the University of Wisconsin's Center on Education and Work. Dakota sought the CDF Certificate to provide career and job services to KBOCC students. Course training included:

- Career Development Theory and Foundation
- Career Assessments
- Portfolio Development
- Marketing
- Informational Interviewing
- Interview Skills
- Effective Job Search

Utilizing Labor Market Information, A Resume & Portfolio Development Workshop is planned for December 7, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 111 and is open to students and the public.

The recent Memorandum of Agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College has changed the process for KBIC Tribal members attending KBOCC to access educational funds. KBIC students who attend KBOCC and have no other means of financial aid will be able to obtain a tuition waiver. KBIC students needing additional support for fees, books, and other costs must apply for the Sovereign Student Fund in the KBIC Education Department at the Tribal center. All funding is based on eligibility criteria. If you have questions regarding financial aid, please contact Liz Julio at 353-4605 or Cherie Dakota at 353-4628.

GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND WHIPP LUNCHEON 2010

The WHIPP (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force sponsored a Healthy Luncheon in conjunction with this year's Governmental Employee Recognition presentation held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the Big Bucks Bingo Hall.

Many governmental employees were recognized for years of service as follows —

For ten years + service employees received a certificate/\$30 gift card:

- Micah W. Petoskey, 10 years;
- Thomas E Chosa, Jr., 10 years;
- Denise T. Maki, 10 years;
- Kathleen J. Manning, 10 years;
- Darren J. Webb, 10 years;
- Olivia C. Loonsfoot, 10 years;
- Helen M. Jondreau, 11 years;
- Irvin J. Smith III, 11 years;
- Everett L. Ekdahl, Jr., 11 years;
- Robert D. Curtis, Jr., 12 years;
- Jeffery J. Mayo, 12 years;
- Clay P. Van Buren, 13 years;
- Cosie C. LaFernier, 13 years;
- Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., 13 years;
- Leslie J. Swartz, 14 years;
- Timmy J. Tilson, 14 years;
- Rebecca M. Chosa, 14 years;

For fifteen years + service employees received a certificate/\$40 gift card and clock:

- Jason A. Ayres, 15 years;

- Laura M. Cladas, 15 years;
- Tina M. Durant, 15 years;
- Julie A. Raby, 15 years;
- Paul R. Halverson, 15 years;
- Peter P. Jaukkuri, 15 years;
- Katherine Y. Malmgren, 15 years;
- Susan J. Lawrence, 15 years;
- Dominic J. Picciano, 16 years;

For twenty years + service employees received a certificate/\$50 gift card and pin:

- Lawrence J. Denomie III, 20 years;
- Jeanne M. Kauppila, 20 years;
- Pauline F. Knapp Spruce, 20 years;
- Kerry A. Picciano, 20 years;
- Evelyn H. Ravindran, 20 years;
- Dianne M. Waara, 20 years;
- Michael W. Cardinal, 20 years;
- Suzanne D. Kahkonen, 21 years;
- Colleen S. DeRoche, 21 years;
- Debra N. Herrala, 21 years;

For twenty-five years + service employees received a certificate/\$75 gift card and pin:

- Elizabeth D. Mayo, 25 years;
- Duane M. Misegan, 25 years;
- Francis J. LaPointe, Jr., 25 years;

For thirty-five years + service employees received a certificate/\$125 gift card and pin:

- William K. Seppanen, 36 years.



Newsletter photo.

CEO Larry Denomie III presents Rebecca Chosa with a certificate and gift card for her 14 years of service with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



Newsletter photo.

CEO Larry Denomie III presents Captain William "Chill" Seppanen with a certificate, gift card, and pin for his 36 years of service with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



### Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 12, 2010, 4-8 pm,  
Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga, MI

For more information contact:  
Philly or Loretta at 353-6096



#### The Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative Brings Youth Together to Promote Interest in Health Careers

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) hosted the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) in Washington D.C. on June 19 – 27, 2010. A total of fifty American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, between the ages of 16-18, attended the nine-day program. The high school students represented 21 AI/AN Tribal nations and came from 15 states across the United States and included 12 sophomores, 20 juniors and 18 seniors. The NNAYI introduced high school students to careers in health and biomedical research, as well as prepared them for admission to college and professional schools. The students were taken on field trips that included tours of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Minority Health, Indian Health Service, Georgetown University, George Washington University, U.S. Capitol Building, and many more. Students received information regarding financial aid, counseling, and other college-related assistance.


Applications for the 2011 National Native American Youth Initiative are now available. For more information, see: <http://www.aaip.org/?page=NNAYI2010>

#### KBIC TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION

**Sign up at:**  
Tribal Social Services by December 13, 2010. Call 353-4201 or stop by the office (13765 M-38, Baraga, Michigan).

**Please drop off gifts by:** Thursday, December 16, 2010. Gifts may be dropped off at Tribal Social Services or contact Tribal Social Services for pick-up. Remember to attach a small note to the gift — (sex/age) the gift is for.

Tribal Social Services Staff wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season.



#### OJIBWEMOWIN


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#### Word List

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zhooshkwaadaigan  
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bimaada



The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm, and from the Freelang Ojibwe/English on-line dictionary.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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# Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

website: [www.kboha.com](http://www.kboha.com)

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

## Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  - 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  - 50 Homes in Zeba
  - 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  - Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  - Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

## DECEMBER 2010

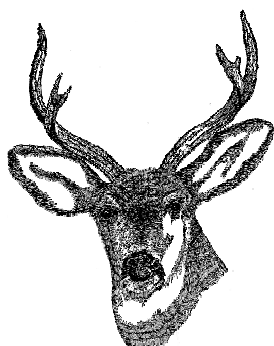
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KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center  
[www.ojibwa.com/EvenStart](http://www.ojibwa.com/EvenStart)

755 Michigan Avenue  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-8161

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Christmas Break starts on Thursday, December 23, 2010. Classes Resume on Monday, January 3, 2011</i>			1 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-1:00pm	2  Parent Workshop 10:00am-1:00pm	3 Center Open 8:00am-3:30pm Home Visits 1:00pm-3:30pm Independent Study	4
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5	6 KBIC EHS/HS Parent Meeting Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-1:00pm	7 \$\$ Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-4:00pm	8 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-1:00pm	9 Parent Workshop 10:00am-1:00pm Generation Photos will be taken from 3:30pm-5:30pm	10 <b>NEW CENTER HOURS</b> Center Open 8:00am-12:00pm Independent Study	11  KBIC Tribal Elections
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19	20 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-4:00pm	21 \$\$ Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-4:00pm	22 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 9:00am-4:00pm	23  Christmas Break Begins	24  Christmas Eve	25  Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31  New Years Eve	

## Prizes - Chronic Wasting Disease Collection - Prizes We all win with healthy wildlife!



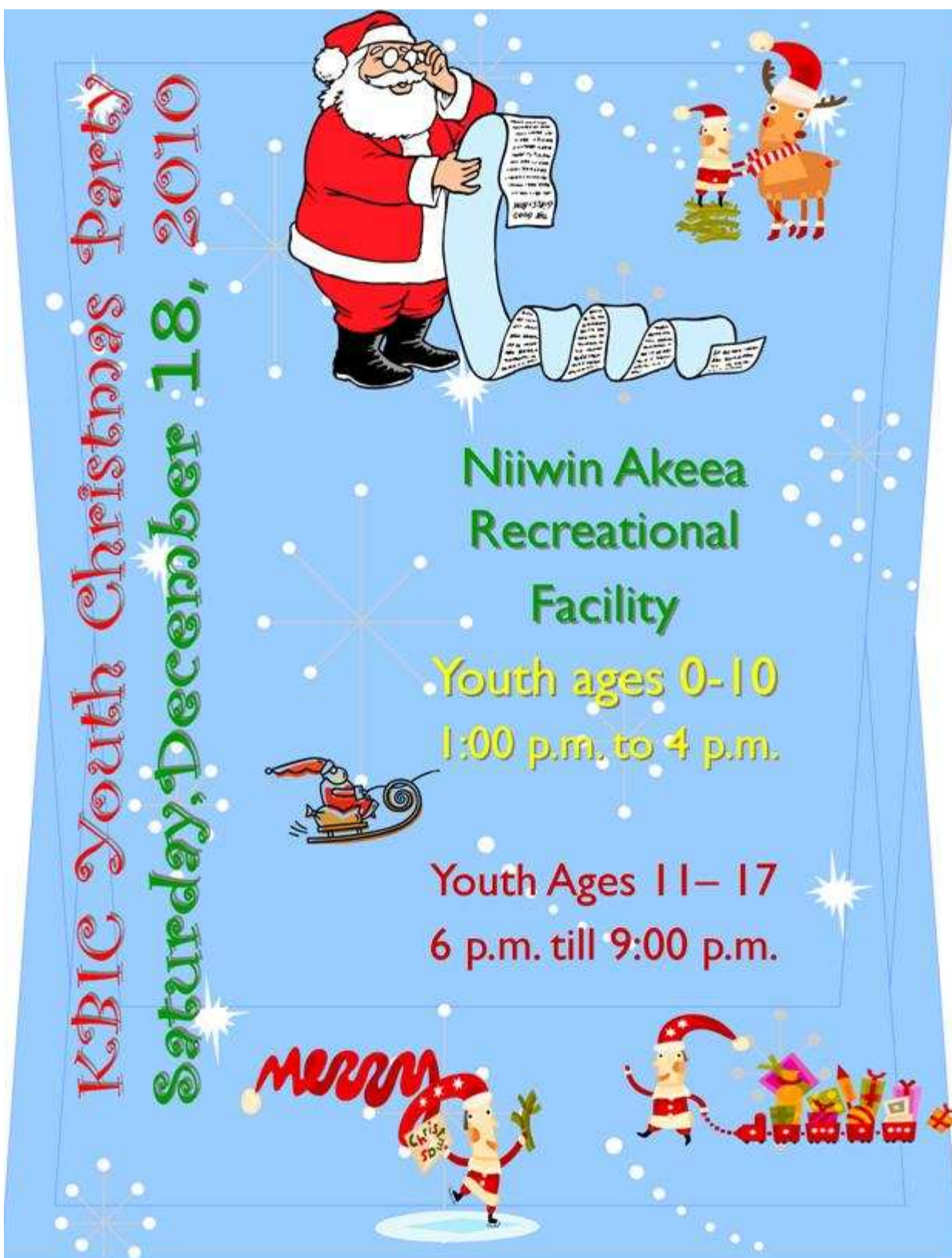
We're behind on our goal to reach 100 samples. PLEASE donate your deer heads. Prize drawings are set for January: Deer Blind, Ladder Stand, GPS unit, Binoculars, Snowshoes, and a hunter pack. Call us and we'll pick it up! 524-5757 x19.

-- DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE  
-- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN --



Michigan Tech AISES at Acoma Sky City, NM. Michigan Tech AISES chapter attended the National AISES conference in New Mexico, Nov. 11-13, 2010. The conference has a dynamic career fair, presentations, professional development, and networking. Front row Kim Sullivan, Margarita Nieskes, AISES advisors, Helene Hiner and Lori Muhlig. Back row Alex Haapapuro and Jacob Haapapuro.





**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
KEWEENAW BAY TRIBAL COURT  
L'ANSE INDIAN RESERVATION  
BARAGA, MI 49908  
JUVENILE DIVISION**

**IN THE BEST INTEREST OF:**  
Jenna May,  
Minor Child/Children

CASE #: 08-035J

**NOTICE OF (SUPPLEMENT) HEARING**

To: Erin Loonsfoot (last known address) 202 Goldsmith, Baraga, MI 49908

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a continuation of a **TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING** in the above entitled matter will be held in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court, located at 427 Superior Ave. on the **10<sup>th</sup> of December, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.** before the HONORABLE VIOLET M. FRIISVALL AYRES. Failure to appear at this hearing may result in the loss of parental rights.

**Dated: November 15, 2010** Violet M. Friisvall Ayres  
Associate Judge



## KBIC Even Start

### “Dream Catcher Chronicles”

**WHAT:** *The Dream Catcher Chronicles* is a family-focused oral history project being conducted by the KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center.

**WHY:** *To encourage story-sharing, to strengthen cultural/community/family ties, to provide meaningful service learning for our Even Start families and to make a lasting contribution to the oral history collection efforts of the KBIC.*

**HOW:** *KBIC Even Start families will begin the process of interviewing older friends and family members in order to preserve family histories and memorabilia. Activities based on the interviews may include family generational photos, history albums, photo slideshows, family trees, booklets, and other finished products based on the desires of those being interviewed.*

**WHEN:** *The Dream Catcher Chronicles* will conduct the first interviews in Fall/Winter 2010– 2011.

**WHERE:** *Interviewers will meet with their interview subjects at their homes or other locations.*

**Please contact us at**

**353-8161**

**or stop by our Center next to the Ojibwa Casino in Baraga**

If you are interested in :

- ~ A **FREE** generational photo
- ~ Sharing a story or know

someone you would like to interview

**Gifts provided for sharing your stories**



## KBIC Even Start

### “Dream Catcher Chronicles”

#### **FREE PHOTO SESSION—DEC 9TH!**

“Generations Photos” will be taken at the Even Start Center, (next to the Ojibwa Casino) from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, on December 9, 2010.

This **FREE** photo session is designed to preserve two-, three-, or more generations together in a photo—just in time for Christmas. We take the photo, print one copy (one 8x10, two-5x7, nine-wallet, etc.) for you to pick up the following week. You will be asked if you’d like your photo to be added to the Tribal archives.

If you miss this photo session, we plan to offer one each month during the winter. Call 353-8161 for more information!

#### **December 2010 Calendars Events**

**Dec. 4** — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room; Gov’t Employee Christmas Party 5-8 pm

**Dec. 5** — Marquette Seniors’ Christmas Dinner, 1 pm

**Dec. 9** — Generations Photo session 3:30-5:30 pm (Even Start)

**Dec. 11** — General Election

**Dec. 12** — Ojibwa Seniors’ Christmas Party, 4-8 pm

**Dec. 15** — Veterans’ meeting, 7 pm

**Dec. 18** — Baraga Youth Christmas Parties

**Dec. 19** — Marquette Youth Christmas Parties

**Dec. 23, 24, 27, 30, 31** — Tribal Gov’t offices closed for the holidays.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov) to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



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 409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908  
**353-8163** [www.oclib.up.net](http://www.oclib.up.net)

**Hours:** Monday—Thursday 11am–7pm  
 Friday—closed  
 Saturday—10am–3pm

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 **KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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**Zeba Indian Mission**  
**United Methodist Church**

“We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.”

**Pastor: Rev. John Henry**  
 Church office 524-7939  
 Parsonage 524-7936



**Catholic Community of Baraga County**

 Holy Name of Jesus  
 Blessed Kateri Yekakwitha

**Pastor**  
 Father John Longbucco

Confessions: Sunday before Mass  
 Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

353-6565  
[saintann@up.net](mailto:saintann@up.net)

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities**  
<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- \* Healthy Start LPN — December 2nd deadline
- \* On-Air Announcer (Eagle Radio) — December 2nd deadline
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant II — December 6th deadline
- \* Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- \* Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

**On Call positions:**

- \* Community Service Supervisor
- \* Unit Manager
- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Youth Program & Facility Attendant

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com).



**Tribal Members,**  
 We are asking for your support in the upcoming Tribal Election,

**Saturday, December 11, 2010.**

**VOTE BARAGA DISTRICT**

**Fred Dakota**  
**Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo**

**PLEASE VOTE, WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**NEED A RIDE? Call:**  
 Fred (906) 201-0596  
 Popcorn (906) 395-0108



**Merry Christmas**

(12) Ashi Niizh

PRE-SORT STANDARD  
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**Marquette County**  
**KBIC Senior Christmas Luncheon**  
**Sunday, December 5, 2010, 1 p.m.**

**Wahlstroms Restaurant**  
**5043 US 41 South, Marquette, Michigan**  
**KBIC Seniors and (1) one Guest**

**Menu:**  
 Carved Roast Beef  
 Carved Honey Ham  
 Herb Roasted Baked Chicken  
 Garlic Mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, rice, and a hot vegetable.  
 Tossed salad with dressing and toppings, variety of salads,  
 homemade bread, beverage, and dessert.

**RSVP by calling Patti Brown (906) 273-0318, please indicate dietary selection on dessert if any.**

**Home deliveries available. If unable to attend and you would like it delivered to your home, please indicate so when you RSVP.**

**Rides are available to luncheon. Arrangements can be made when you RSVP.**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
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